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Robbery suspect arrested

BY ED LEPOMA
The suspect who robbed the E-Z Convenience Store at U.S. Hwy. 90 and Washington Avenue a week ago Saturday is behind bars in Hancock County.
Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil said the suspect was taken into custody near Port Gibson in Claiborne County following leads developed during the investigation.
McNeil identified the suspect as 17-year-old Michael Garcia, of 2035 Galere Road, Bay St. Louis. He is charged with armed robbery and is being held in the Hancock County jail under a \$25,000 bond, the chief said.
McNeil said his department faxed copies of the arrest warrant to Claiborne County officials, and they picked up the suspect without incident.
Bay Chief of Detectives Tom Burleson and Detective Mary Trudell traveled to Port Gibson and took the suspect into custody, McNeil said.



Campers come ashore
The "Sharks" return to the dock after a morning of fishing just off a nearby island. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

What may sound like vacation is a summer of learning

BY BETSY GAGNET
The brochure lists sailing, swimming, water skiing, horseback riding, fishing and boating as some of the recreational activities offered to participants. It could be an advertisement for any resort, but it's not. It's St. Stanislaus summer camp.
For six weeks this summer, more than 170 boys between the ages of nine and 15 will find their days filled with everything from sailing to learning how to shoot a rifle to computers to mudsliding. The boys come from different backgrounds, but will share experiences they will likely always remember.
Under the direction of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, the boarding camp began in 1928. This summer, the camp welcomes boys from many different states and even different countries, said St. Stanislaus Director of Public Relations.
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What's up?
Three "Shrimps" hang off the St. Stanislaus pier to get a better look at something in the water. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

Fire Tower dump site will replace Standard

BY ED LEPOMA
U.S.A. Waste Inc. is closing the Standard rubbish site, effective July 1, the Echo has learned.
Spokesman Ed. Fox said Hancock County residents will have a new disposal site, much more centrally located beginning Wednesday.
Through an agreement signed with Mississippi Pumping and Disposal, Inc., owned by Hancock County resident Curtis Johnson, Fox said Hancock County residents can now take their rubbish to a new location just two miles west of the intersection of Hwy. 603 and 43 on the road to Picayune.
About 1,000 feet east of Fire Tower Road, Johnson has cut in a new gravel road leading to his rubbish site. The area is already fenced in, and there is a check point trailer on the site.
Johnson has a permit from the Department of Environmental Quality to accept Class I rubbish and other debris on a 49-acre site.
As is now the case, Fox said, Hancock County residents will not be charged for dumping, but there will be a slight fee assessed on commercial haulers from the county. "But, it will be considerably less than the current fees," said Fox.
Fox said the new facility will operate from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 7 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. It will be closed on Sundays and holidays. The facility will maintain the same number that Standard had, 255-8285, Fox said.
The closing of Standard was seen as inevitable when the county followed a DEQ mandate in July of 1997 and limited what could be dumped

there. Since then, Class I rubbish was sorted out and transported to a landfill in McNeil at a cost averaging more than \$10,000 a month. Commercial haulers were also charged rates ranging from \$9 to \$12 a ton to dump at Standard.
The opening of a new county rubbish site comes as three owners of private pits off the Kiln-Picayune Road in Kiln have petitioned DEQ and the Hancock County Regional Solid Waste Authority to amend the county's 20-year Solid Waste Plan to allow them to accept Class II rubbish, consisting of construction demolition debris and tree stumps at their pits.
The Authority has still not acted on those requests, but recently notified nearby Harrison and Pearl River counties and St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana officials of the requests for permits.



New rubbish site
Last Thursday, Waveland Mayor John Mason (right) and Commissioner Tommy Kidd were among members of the Hancock County Regional Solid Waste Authority checking out a new rubbish site. U.S.A. Waste Inc., has announced the Standard rubbish site will close July 1 and all rubbish will be diverted to the new site, located two miles west of the intersections of Hwy. 603 and 43 on the road to Picayune. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Look-alike on roll

BY ED LEPOMA
Children flock to him. Young girls and grown women swoon. Some of his longtime buddies think he's crazy, but David Leo Lauren seems to be enjoying the ride.
The 33-year-old Bay St. Louis native was at a Nevada casino last week performing his tribute to Alan Jackson. At 6 foot 2, with blonde hair and a mustache, cowboy attire and guitar, Lauren is a dead-on look-alike of one of America's most popular country western singers.
It was a couple of years ago that the show his bug bit Lauren. He went to the Grand Casino in Gulfport and struck up a friendship with the man impersonating singer Neil Diamond.
"I asked him what kind of money he was making, and when he told me about \$850 a



David Leo Lauren
week, I was impressed. I had done some karaoke, and I wasn't bashful about it, so I began to seriously think about it," said Lauren. "I like George Strait, but I don't look like him, so I began thinking about Alan Jackson. I had to grow my hair longer and grow a mustache. I've never grown one before, but it came out pretty good, I think."
His real last name is Peranich (state Rep. Diane Peranich is his aunt), but he said people have trouble pronouncing that.
LOOK-ALIKE—PAGE 11A

Cities to share in tobacco pact

BY ED LEPOMA
Bay St. Louis and Waveland will share in a \$65 million settlement Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore wrangled out of the tobacco industry, according to state Rep. J.P. Compretta.
Compretta said distribution of the money allocated to municipalities came out of an agreement Moore made with the state legislature towards the end of the recent 1998 session.
Compretta said Bay St.

Louis has been allocated \$34,626 and Waveland, \$20,393. The city of Jackson got the largest amount, \$250,000, and Gulfport was right behind with \$243,000, followed by almost \$176,000 allocated to Biloxi.
Compretta said Moore's office stipulated that each municipality must use the "crime prevention monies to limit minors access to tobacco."
During a recent meeting at the state capitol, Moore said his office will be flexible about

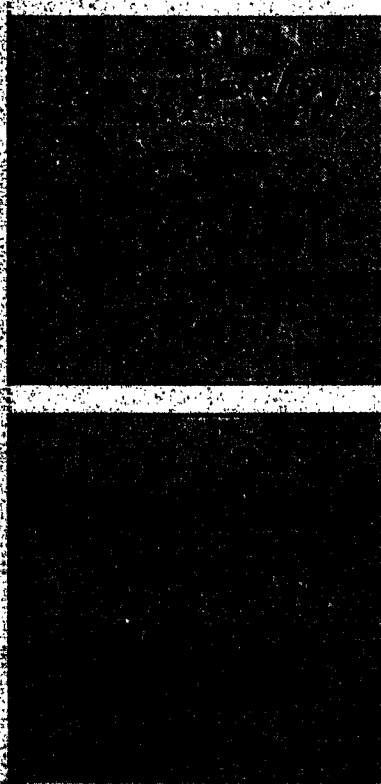
Hurricane season precautions

BY B.R. HAWKINS
My kids are fascinated by the development of bad weather. They have sat on the front lawn in the evenings and watched heat lightning roll across the sky with the intense interest most kids give to television.
Thunderstorms followed by a rainbow have invoked as much excitement and then sudden reverence in them as the best Sunday sermon.
The first year the family and I were here in the Bay,

Hurricane Danny passed by. We were beside ourselves not knowing whether to head back to Madison County, put everything we had up on cinder blocks, put together a hurricane kit, or head to a shelter. Instead, true to character, we were drawn to the beach and, in a friend's home, we watched the hurricane pass through.
I knew what we were doing didn't make the best sense. I had heard the tales of people staying when they should have gone in times of bad weather,

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Sat.	9:26 a.	8:55 p.



OBITUARY

MARIE BRASELMAN
CHARLES BYRD
ALCUIN KELLY
NEILL P. JEFFREY JR.
EDWARD T. SLICK



MARIE BRASELMAN
 Marie C. Braselman, 76, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, June 25, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.
 Mrs. Braselman was a retired breakfast cook for St. Augustine Seminary. She was affiliated with the New Orleans Recreation Department and the St. Henry CYO, also in New Orleans. She was a member of DAV Chapter 50 Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Post 139 Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 3253 Ladies Auxiliary and St. Vincent de Paul in Waveland.

She was a former member of the Hancock Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Hunter P. Harris Jr. and her second husband, Gerard Braselman; her parents, Alfred F. and Josephine Marullo Cummings; and a sister, Josephine Evers.

Survivors include three sons, Hunter P. Harris III of Metairie; Alfred F. Harris of Bay St. Louis and James L. Harris of Maudlin, S.C.; two daughters, Ruth Harris Fleury of San Diego, Calif., and Jeanne M. Garcia of Waveland; two sisters, Theresa Matherne of Jefferson, La., and Lilly Aucoin of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Saturday in St. Augustine Seminary, followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES BYRD

Charles "Charlie" Morris Byrd Sr., 63, of the Benville community, died Wednesday, June 24, 1998, in Picayune.

Mr. Byrd was a native of Pearl River County and was a machinist for Boeing. He was a member of Flat Top Unity Baptist church, and he was a retired U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Welch Byrd of Benville,

two sons, Charles "Chuck" Morris Byrd Jr. of Picayune and Joshua Adam Byrd of Benville; two brothers, Tommy Byrd of Huntsville, Ala., and Billy Byrd of the Pine Grove community; two sisters, Dot Gill of Santa Fee, N.M., and Hazel Crowder of the Pine Grove community, and a stepgrandson.

Visitation was Saturday evening at Picayune Funeral Home and will continue today, 11 a.m. until service time. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Picayune.

Picayune Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ALCUIN KELLY

Brother Alcuin "Bernard C." Kelly, SC, 82, of Mobile, died Thursday, June 25, 1998, in New Orleans.

Brother Kelly was a native of Juniata, Pa., and a resident of Mobile. He entered the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in 1932 and taught at Brothers of the Sacred Heart Schools in Verdun, Canada, Alexandria, La., Baton Rouge, La., New Orleans and Mobile.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William F. and Grace Convery Kelly; seven brothers, James Kelly Sr., William S. Kelly, Leo Kelly, Vincent Kelly, George Kelly, Harry Kelly and Joseph Kelly; and five sisters, E. Grace Weight, Mary Hollingshead, Rose Kelly, Helen Lancelot and Ruth Meyers.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Stanislaus High

School Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Foundation, Baton Rouge, La.

NEILL P. JEFFREY JR.

Neill P. Jeffrey Jr., 75, of Black Mountain, N.C. died Sunday, June 14, 1998, in Black Mountain.

Mr. Jeffrey was a native of Jeanerette, La.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Anderson Jeffrey of Black Mountain, a daughter, Kathryn Riddle of Bay St. Louis; stepsons, George, Peter and Bert Wilson, all of New Orleans; brothers, the Rev. James B. Jeffrey of Long Island, N.Y. and David Jeffrey of Eureka Springs, Ark.; and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted in New Orleans.

Asheville Mortuary Services in Asheville, N.C. was in charge of arrangements.

EDWARD T. SLICK

Edward T. Slick, 75, of Diamondhead, died Friday, June 26, 1998, in Diamondhead.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.



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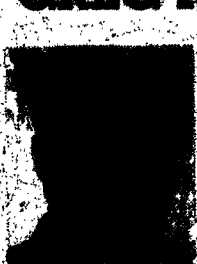
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CORRECTION

The advertisement that ran in Sunday, June 21 edition of The Sea Coast Echo for Quest Rehab was incorrect. The Grand Opening date is Thursday, July 23 not July 3. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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St. Rose 72nd annual fair rounds out Fourth of July

BY B. R. HAWKINS

St. Rose 72nd Annual Fair rounds out one of the most traditionally festive holiday weekends held in Hancock County. Scheduled Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5, the fair will feature a variety of activities and events for all family members.

A menu featuring gumbo,

creole, fried seafood dinners will be available to "eat-in" or "carry-out" from the church school hall.

"This year we are adding two new events to our regular booths and activities," said Manuela Curry, a graduate of the Class of 1968 and one of the co-chairs of the fair said. "We will have a watermelon eating competition with preliminary

and final rounds as well as a full scale child's playhouse to be given away."

Curry serves as co-chair with two other members of the Class of 1968, Leatrice Cain and Carole Labat Earnest. For more information about the 72nd Annual Fair, contact St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, 301 S. Nacaise St., Bay St. Louis at 467-4246.

Seafood, music, fellowship highlight annual Crab Fest

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Seafood, music, and warm fellowship under the cool shade of Our Lady of the Gulf's oaks highlight the church's 14th annual Crab Fest set Friday - Sunday, July 3 - 5, on the church grounds, 228 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis.

Crabs, just about any way imaginable, will be the main fare for the festival along with fried or boiled seafood, bar-

becue, hot dogs, hamburgers and "N'Awlins" specialties such as red beans and rice, bronzed catfish and jambalaya.

Music of ConspiraSea, Country Cross Roads, Joe Matherne and the Sunshine Band, the Keith Hoda Country Sounds, The Celebrant Singers and the Cajun Fiddler Band will provide entertainment throughout the weekend.

The festival, this year, according to Beth Favre, public-

ity co-chairman, will feature a kiddie land, a magic show as well as a white elephant booth in addition to our traditional arts and crafts, and plant and flower booths.

Festival hours are from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, and 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Sunday, July 5. Food booths begin serving at 11 a.m. each day.

For more information call 467-6509.

Resident warns about extra phone charges

A Waveland resident called The Sea Coast Echo's office Thursday morning to express his concern about receiving his regular telephone bill with charges from other companies.

The gentlemen said he had not changed his service, or even spoke to anyone about doing so.

What got his attention was the fact that his telephone bill was \$15 higher than he normally pays. He had charges from two companies he had never knew existed.

His main concern was to warn other residents that they may want to check their telephone bills to make sure they do not have unauthorized charges.

Marine students sponsor fun run

The Marine and Estuarine Graduate Student Association at the University of Southern Mississippi will hold its first annual MEGSA 5K Fun Run at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Gulf Island National Seashore in Ocean Springs.

The graduate student organization is headquartered at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, one of three Coast units of the USM Institute of Marine Sciences.

Fun Run committee member Kristy Smedley said there will be five divisions: 15 and younger, 16 through 25, 26-35, 36-45 and 46 plus. Awards will be given for first and second in each age class and for both males and females.

Special prizes will also be awarded to the top two overall winners and to the first two IMS employees or students to finish.

Registration is \$10 and is due no later than July 1 by mail or up to July 10 at GCRL. No registration will be accepted the day of the race.

A portion of the proceeds will sponsor a scholarship for one or more deserving youngsters to attend "Project Marine Discovery Sea Camp" at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Biloxi. MEGSA also will contribute a portion of proceeds to the red wolf project at the Gulf Islands National Seashore, and the remainder of the proceeds will contribute to continuing graduate student education.

Plans are under way for a symposium featuring research by graduate students from the Institute and neighboring institutions.

Sponsors are the Institute, V. L. Graphics, Mississippi Beverage, Isle of Capri Casino, American Medical Response and Dole.

Registration forms are available from athletic and nutrition shops in Edgewater and Singing River Malls, Play It Again Sports in Biloxi and Gautier, and Keesler Fitness Center.

For information, call (228) 872-4251.



Gary Ponthieux
Drug program

In an effort to promote drug awareness, St. Stanislaus hosted Gary Ponthieux of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics to talk to the student body during exam week.

Ponthieux, a 1990 graduate of St. Stanislaus, is a narcotics detective currently assigned to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics in Gulfport.

As part of a yearly conference docket and to share his detective knowledge, Ponthieux speaks to high school students around the Coast

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Hall of Fame

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Hall of Fame induction ceremonies saddened

Hall of Fame ceremonies at the 132nd Annual Convention of the Mississippi Press Association were saddened Friday evening as one of the inductees, Dr. F. Frank Buckley of Brandon, was taken ill.

Ellis C. Cuevas of Bay St. Louis and Buckley were inducted into the Mississippi Press Association's (MPA) Hall of Fame Friday night in Biloxi at the association's President's Banquet.

Dr. Buckley, 83, owner of Buckley Newspapers, which include the Jasper County News, Smith County Reformer, Impact of Hattiesburg and Impact of Laurel, suffered back pains during presentation of the honor and was transported to Biloxi Regional Medical Center. He died at approximately 3 a.m. Saturday morning following surgery.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be handled by Ott and Lee Funeral Home in Brandon.

Cuevas and Dr. Buckley have joined the ranks of distinguished newspaper professionals who have been inducted into the MPA's Hall of Fame.

"I am very much grieved with the sudden loss of Dr. Buckley," said Cuevas. "My wife and I were with him earlier that evening. Jane and I had long a conversation with him. He was in good spirits and was excited about this honor."

"Myself and the entire newspaper family of Mississippi are grateful for the many, many people he helped get started in the newspaper industry here. Many have said today, that Dr. Buckley was with his friends and his family, the people he cared for the most."

Cuevas is the editor and publisher of The Sea Coast Echo, Executive Vice-President of Bay St. Louis Newspapers, Inc. and President of The Stone County Enterprise, Inc. Cuevas' newspaper career extends over a 41-year period at The Sea Coast Echo. He started in June, 1957, doing advertising composition, darkroom, pressroom and circulation work. In December, 1957, he moved into advertising sales and in 1964 was named advertising manager. Cuevas was named general manager in July of 1968, in addition to his duties as advertising manager. In May, 1977, Cuevas became editor and publisher of The Sea Coast Echo.

Cuevas was born in Bay St. Louis and is a native of Waveland. His family have been residents of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for over 200 years.

He is the son of the late Robert E. Cuevas and Magdalena Seither Cuevas.

He is the eldest of four sons. His brothers are, Clemence A. Cuevas of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Raymond A. Cuevas and Felton J. Cuevas, both of Waveland.

He attended St. Stanislaus Free Day School (Rip University) for eight years and is a 1953 graduate of St. Stanislaus College Prep in Bay St. Louis.

He worked for Waveland Lumber Company and Hubbard's Hardware from 1949 to 1954 after school and summers and after graduation for another year.

Cuevas served three years in U.S. Army, 1954-57. He was assigned to the National Security Agency in communications.

He is married to the former Lillian Jane Taconi, of Bay St. Louis for the past 35 years.

Cuevas has received numerous awards of appreciation from many community and veterans organizations. This includes being named the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's 1991 Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Over the years of his newspaper career, Cuevas has been honored with various awards from the Mississippi Press Association for editorials, news stories, feature stories and photographs.

Cuevas' professional, civic and community involvement includes, having served on the MPA's board of governors;

—He is a Main Street United Methodist Church trustee, building committee member, adult Sunday school teacher, nominations and personnel and board member, past president Methodist Men's Club, Administrative Board chairman 1990-91-92, past usher chairman, 18 years.

—Chamber of Commerce president 1995, chamber board member for the past 21 years; beautification committee chairman, 16 years; building committee member in addition to serving on other committees.

—Hancock Medical Center's Foundation, president.

—National Newspaper Association, member.

—American Legion Post No. 139, Bay St. Louis, served on the membership committee for the past 18 years and had served as judge advocate and on the executive committee for 16 years.

—Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, past president; Paul Harris Fellow, served many times as a board of director.

—Rotary Club of Diamondhead, helped form the club as a District Governor's representative in 1990 and received Distinguished Service Award, 1992.

—United Way of Hancock County, served several years as president, vice-president, treasurer and board of director over a 25-year period. Received the 1995 UW Norton Haas Sr. - May Hogan Beyer award.

—United Way of South Mississippi, four-year steering committee member who helped form the three-county organization, former board member for six years and Hancock UW Area Operating Committee for several years.

—Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), chairman of Advisory Council for over 8 years and member for over 20 years.

—Hancock County Health Council member.

—Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi, Inc., past board member for 6 years.

—Hancock County Emergency Relief, former advisory council member.

—Hancock County Doll & Toy Fund, former advisory council member.

—Hancock County Community Services Planning Council, member.



Ellis C. Cuevas

"During my newspaper career, I have been blessed with many friends; some since the beginning, others along the way and some for only a brief period, and I cherish each and every friendship."

Taken from Cuevas' speech 1998 MPA Convention

—Mississippi Extension Service, steering committee member and also National 'Making the Grade,' a National Report Card on six problem areas of youth.

—Hancock County Sand Beach Advisory Committee, vice-chairman.

—Hancock Community Task Force on Youth, helped form the organization, former vice-chairman.

—Emily deMontluzin Foreign Language Scholarship fund, president.

—Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising Club, past president and co-organizer.

—Diamondhead Business & Professional Association, member.

—Hancock County Gaming & Tourism Association, past member.

—Bay-Waveland-Hancock County, Civil Defense Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Planning Committee, member.

—Friends of the Gulf Coast (formerly the Mississippi Marine Trash Task Force), longtime member representing county.

—GE Plastics Bay St. Louis Community Advisory Council member.

—Hancock County Jail Committee, former member of a group that pushed passage of bond issue (after a severe defeat) to build most modern criminal justice facility in state. And

—Graduate of 1997-98 Leadership Hancock County.

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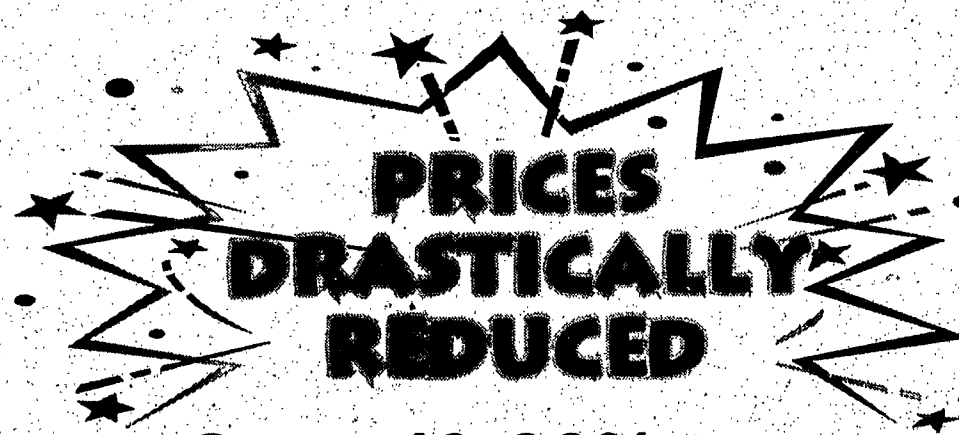
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"CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

The big July 4th weekend is fast approaching, and many folks will be planning fishing and boating trips. The time is now to get the old fishing tackle out, give it a cleaning and maybe a bit of oil. Check the tackle to see if you may need a few more hooks, new lines, tackle, etc.

Those using boats need to make sure their crafts have all of the safety devices necessary, such as life vests, fire extinguishers, flotation devices, and whatever is necessary.

The boat engines need to be tested, too, as it is very frustrating to be on a fishing trip and a motor won't start at the dock. I am sure this will happen to a few fishermen and boaters.

One of the largest fishing events will take place over the July 4th weekend, and that is the annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. Actually, the rodeo begins Wednesday, July 1, through Sunday, July 5.

The rodeo's headquarters will be at the Rice Pavillion in Gulfport, (Highway 90 at Highway 49).

This will mark the golden anniversary for the fishing rodeo, which is billed as the world's largest.

One of the most interesting things about the fishing rodeo is that there is no charge for fishermen to enter the competition. All they have to do is fill out an entry form before they fish.

Chuck Dedeaux is the rodeo chairman, and he reports there will be some \$30,000 in fishing prizes up for grabs.

Fish will be on display at the Rice Pavillion for persons who do not fish, and there will also be a lot of live entertainment over the five-day period. There is a \$2 per person charge for the Rice Pavillion.

The presentation of the 1998 Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Queen and her court will take place on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Scales will open at 9 a.m. each day, Wednesday through Sunday with the midway opening at 11 a.m. each day.

Scales will close each night at 8 p.m. with the exception of Sunday when the scales will close at 5 p.m.

The live entertainment includes some very popular bands and groups. The final entertainment group on Sunday night will be Garland Moran and the Night Travelers at 8 p.m.

The big boat drawing will be at 10 p.m. with the rodeo closing at midnight Sunday.

There is even fishing competition for the youngsters on Saturday beginning at 6 a.m. with the scales closing at 6 p.m. for the kids.

Best of luck to all anglers. Who knows, you may catch the big one, and it may even be a state record. Remember, over the years many state records have been set at the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo.

The July Fourth weekend always has many activities, and this year is no different.

The weekend will mark the 14th annual Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Fest July 3, 4 and 5.

The weekend will also mark the annual St. Rose de Lima Family Church Fair.

We will be giving you more information on the crab fest and church fair in Thursday's column.

The 17th Annual St. Rose de Lima Doubles Tennis Tournament will be played July 4 and 5 at Diamondhead's Tennis World.

Myron Labat is once again chairman for this St. Rose benefit, and persons interested in further information may contact him at 467-3732.

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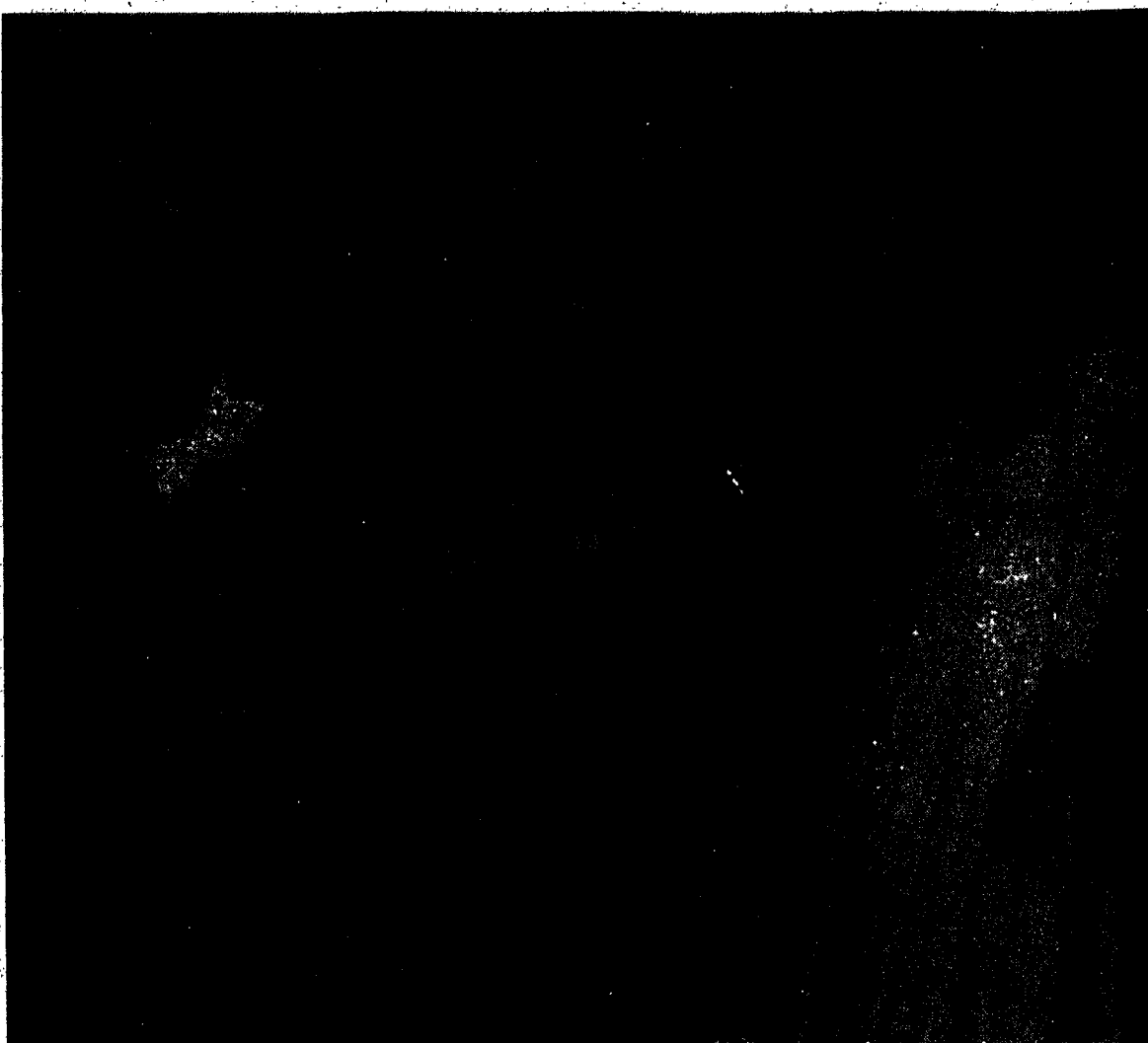
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Old photos bring back memories of Bay life to Starkville resident



To the Editor:

I ran across these pictures in a drawer on cleaning out some space.

Seems to me my friend, Leo Seal, sent me an article about some of our crowd when they were little, and I wondered if you were doing 50 years or older pictures. If you are, here is one you may keep, as I have a duplicate.

Somewhere someone told me they thought Abbie Rogers was back in the Bay. I'm really not sure. Anyone of the Bay group will remember this occasion and who they are and where

they are now.

I talk to some of them and have attended a few class reunions; however, I do not get to the Bay often.

I graduated from Bay High in the class of '42. My home was on Carroll Avenue. Actually, I'm not sure it is still there.

I remember the Bay as a wonderful place to grow up and I had a wonderful childhood. The public library was my babysitter and the beach was my playground.

My mother had the first beauty shop, and it went with

the '47 hurricane. Manier's cafe had a jukebox, and we met boys from St. Stanislaus during their free time and danced.

We were the girls who entertained the Sugar Bowl opponents when they trained at St. Stanislaus field. Doc Blanchard was on old boyfriend.

The Bay was full of interesting people and fun — Mardi Grad, May festivals, president's balls — and beach parties.

Oh, what fun so long ago. I remember and smile.
Carrie Lynn Nolan Johnston
Starkville, Miss.

Good times in Bay

The year was 1943-44 when this photo was taken of five Bay St. Louis young ladies at the old Dr. Smith Home on the Beach on the occasion of the wedding of his daughter, according to contributor Carrie Lynn Nolan Johnston of Starkville. The young ladies in photo are, from left, Beryl (Bourgeois) Murtagh of Bay St. Louis; Lynn (Nolan) Johnston of Starkville; the late Mildred (Cagle) Hamilton; Abbie (Bourgeois) Rogers of Hattiesburg; and Alice Vivian Evans Pitcairn of Bay St. Louis. Mrs. Johnston in a note said, "Thought the picture made a fashion statement! Gloves and hats, things that are gone with the times." A letter from Mrs. Johnston follows about Bay St. Louis life when she was young. (Photos courtesy of Mrs. Carrie Lynn Nolan Johnston of Starkville, Miss.) The Echo welcomes photos older than 25 years for publication. They will be returned to their owners.



Methodist Church '42

This is a 1942 photo of the Main Street United Methodist Church submitted by Mrs. Carrie Lynn Johnston of Starkville.

ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
Veterans Service Officer

Are you eligible for a VA loan?

Several groups of military members and veterans are eligible for VA loans. They include not only those who have served on active duty at specific times, but also those who have completed a total of at least six years in the Reserves or National Guard.

Certain rules apply to all these groups. First, anyone wanting to qualify for a VA loan must have a discharge from the service based on conditions other than dishonorable. People qualifying based on Reserve or Guard service must have an honorable discharge.

Second, veterans in each group are exempt from the minimum service requirements if they were discharged because of a service-connected disability. Here are the VA definitions of eligibility:

1. War veterans who served at least 90 days on active duty in the officially recognized hostilities periods of Sept. 16, 1940 to July 25, 1947; June 27, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955; or Aug. 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975.

Within this category, Persian Gulf War-era veterans — defined as those who have served in the gulf region on or after Aug. 2, 1990, since the conflict does not yet have an end date — must complete two years of active duty.

Reservists and National Guard members of this era must have served the full period (at least 90 days) for which they were ordered to active duty.

Veterans who served in the gulf region during that time and were discharged early for hardship or early-out are eligible if they served at least 90 days. Or, individuals also may be eligible if they were released from active duty early because of an involuntary reduction in force, certain medical conditions, or, in some cases, for the convenience of the government.

2. Veterans who spent 181 days in uniform from July 26, 1947, to June 26, 1950; or Feb. 1, 1955, to Aug. 4, 1964.

3. Members whose enlisted service began before Sept. 8, 1980, or whose service as an of-

ficer began before Oct. 17, 1981. They must have served on active duty for at least 181 days, all of them after May 7, 1975.

4. Veterans separated between Sept. 8, 1980, and Aug. 1, 1990 (for enlisted members); or between Oct. 17, 1981 and Aug. 1, 1990 (for officers). They must have completed 24 months of active duty or the full period, so long as that was at least 181 days.

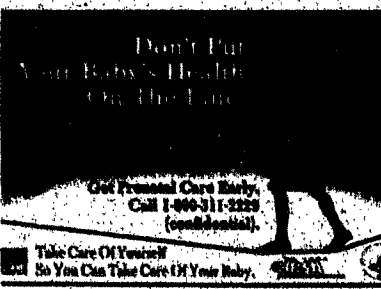
Veterans who served during those periods but were discharged early for hardship or early-out are eligible if they served at least 181 days. Some veterans could still be eligible if they were released from active duty early because of the draw-down, certain medical conditions, or the government's convenience in certain cases.

5. Those who have completed at least six years in the Reserves or National Guard — if they served in the Selected Reserve, have been transferred to another element of the Ready Reserve, were honorably discharged or placed on the retired list. Their eligibility is due to expire Oct. 28, 1999.

6. Nonveterans who have been given VA benefits as special exceptions.

These include spouses of military members who are listed for more than 90 days as missing in action or prisoners of war, so long as the service member retains that status and the spouse remains married to that person.

This includes surviving spouses of service members who die on active duty or from a service-connected disability, as long as the spouse has not remarried.



FCC supports TV ratings; sets deadline for 'V' chip

By the Federal Communications Commission

The FCC took two family-friendly actions that will enable parents to be more selective when deciding what their children would be allowed to watch.

The Commission found the current TV program rating system currently in voluntary use acceptable and set technical requirements, often referred to as "V-Chip technology," enabling blocking of video programming.

Half of all new television sets, 13 inches or larger, have the V-Chip by July 1, 1999 and the remaining half by Jan. 1, 2000.

Some companies already are producing converter-boxes to give older sets V-Chip capability at a cost of less than \$100.

The V-Chip will be able to read the rating codes, which were established by broadcasters, parent and children advocacy groups and the Motion Picture Association of America, who then set the parental guidelines.

The guidelines apply to all programming except sports, news, and unedited rating movies on premium cable channels.

The rating icons symbol appear for 15 seconds at the beginning of all rated programming.

The V-Chip will read the data encoded in the program and be able to block pre-selected programs based on the age category, or by the sex, language, violence or suggestive dialogue rating assigned to the show, or by a combination of the two.

Here are what ratings stand for:

TV-Y (all children). Whether animated or live, the themes and elements are designed for a very young audience, including children from ages 2-6.

TV-7 (older children, 7 and up). These shows may be more appropriate for children who have acquired developmental skills needed to distinguish between make-believe and reality. Themes may include mild fantasy or comedic violence, or may frighten children under the age of 7.

For those programs were fantasy, violence may be more in-

tense or more combative than other programs in this category, such programs will be designated TV-Y7-FV.

TV-G (general audience). Parents may let younger children watch this program unattended. It contains little or no violence, or strong language and little or no sexual dialogue or situation.

TV-PG (parental guidance). The theme itself may call for parental guidance and the program contains one or more of the following: moderate violence, some sexual situations, infrequent coarse language, or some suggestive dialogue.

TV-14 (parents strongly cautioned). This program contains material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14 years.

These programs contain one or more of the following: intense violence and or sexual situations, strong coarse language, or intensely suggestive dialogue.

TV-MA (mature audience only). This program is specifically designed to be viewed by adults and may be unsuitable for children under 17.

The industry also has established an Oversight Monitoring Board to ensure that the rating guidelines are applied accurately and consistently, to address complaints and requests from the public, and consider any needed changes.

While the ability to program the V-Chip on their television sets to block programs with specific ratings will be helpful to all American parents, it will be particularly useful for working parents who can't always be present to monitor the TV watching of their children," said FCC Chairman William E. Kennard.

(This article is an unofficial announcement. Only release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action.)

For more information, write the FCC Office of Public Affairs, Public Service Division, 1919 M Street NW, Room 254, Washington, DC 20554, or call 202-418-0200; TTY: 202-418-2555.

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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

"In this country, the Church supported human slavery until the 1860s. . . In the future, I have no doubt that we will look upon our current abuse of animals with the same shame."

"The same shame?" It is a very perplexing thought to put human slaves and animals on the same level of value, respect, obligation and oral accountability. Yet, such is the passion fueling and driving the cell of vegetarian evangelists.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), headquartered in Norfolk, Va., have mounted an intense, concerted drive to eradicate the eating of any animal. Just as quoted, their basis is the equation of human and animal pain.

They root their beliefs in God's equal creation: "God created every animal with the capacity for pain and suffering. I have visited factory-style farms and slaughterhouses and can attest that conditions in

them are truly from hell."

I would like to know whether PETA visited any abortion mills, and whether they found conditions in them truly from hell. Since they have equated the slave trade and animal abuse, I would like to know where fetal abuse fits in.

Would they go so far as to say that the killing of one human fetus is infinitely more heinous than the killing of millions of animals of any kind? Perhaps this is actually their position, but I want to see it in bold print.

Perhaps PETA should be renamed to read: "People for the Ethical Treatment of Anthropoids, especially human fetuses."

PETA quotes Isaiah 11, but verse 7, "the lion shall eat hay like the ox," defies all human imagination and reality. For one thing the forces of nature have designed the lion as a supreme carnivore, with eating tools and a digestive system

very ill-suited to vegetarian fare. We do understand, however, that PETA is not quite thinking this sort of thing.

Yet, nagging questions feed into the human quest of vegetarianism. What are we doing with canine teeth, if nature did not intend us to eat meat? Why would God give us the equipment without intending us to use it for tearing flesh?

Why on God's earth do certain meats smell so tantalizing, look so ravishing, and taste so scrumptious, if God did not intend us to savor these things, cook them and eat them?

Those of you who are acquainted with my eating habits will object: "Why are you, of all people, asking and saying all these things? You are a vegan, not just a vegetarian."

True, for two years and two months I have eaten no salt, no sugar, no caffeine and no animal products of any kind; no meats (yes, poultry is meat), no

seafoods, no dairy products, and none of their derivatives such as cheese or eggs.

However, I am a vegan for reasons almost totally different from the PETA-oriented vegetarians or vegans. The raw truth is, human consumption of animal products accounts for over 90 percent of human deaths directly or indirectly.

I am not so stupid as to expect everyone to be a vegetarian, let alone a vegan. Nonetheless, I push for moderation, assuring all takers that the bodily benefits are incredible.

I agree with PETA in saying that people should treat animals humanely, even within the severe limitations of raising and slaughtering. Admitting that everyone has a right to a salmon, steak or — gasp! — hamburger, we must ever be humane.

PETA and carnivores

USM conferees focus on children's literacy, reading

Children's literacy and reading will be the focus of a summer conference at the University of Southern Mississippi.

USM's 58th annual Reading Conference, aimed to help elementary and secondary teachers of reading and language arts. Three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit can be gained by attending July 14-18.

Features of the Reading Conference include nationally known authors and speakers, workshops, a storytelling/barbecue event, book signings, exhibitors' hall and tour of the de Grummond Children's Collection. The conference theme is "Reading as a Language Art."

Tuition for students interested in receiving academic credit is \$294 for undergraduates

or \$378 for graduate students. Non-credit participation July 15-18 costs \$175.

Lodging and meal costs, except for breakfast on July 15, are additional.

Conference director is Dr. Rebecca McMahon, assistant professor of Early Childhood Education at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. A former pre-kindergarten and first-grade teacher, she is also a recent graduate of USM's Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Lesley Mandel Morrow, professor of education and coordinator of Early Childhood and Elementary Programs at Rutgers University Graduate School of Education, will deliver

a keynote address for the Reading Conference. Morrow will also be available for informal conversation and book signings.

Richard Polzin, one of Mississippi's premier storytellers and children's authors, will host a special presentation during the conference.

Sessions will meet 5-8 p.m. July 14, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. July 15-17 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 18. Lunch breaks will be provided. Final registration for academic credit is July 14. Final registration for non-credit course is July 15.

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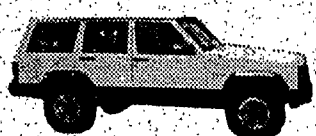
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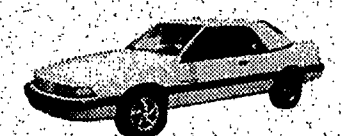
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Police increase patrols

Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil said a federal grant is funding additional patrol coverage for the July 4 weekend. Occupant protection enforcement will be the focus of the patrols.

Safety belt and child restraint violations will be emphasized, but DWI, speeding, following too closely, failure to yield and other moving violations will be targeted as well.

July 4 is the busiest weekend of activities in the City of Bay St. Louis with the annual Crab Fest and St. Rose Fair. New Orleans visitor numbers are highest with family groups coming for a weekend "across the lake."

Add beach and house parties to the festival mix and Bay St. Louis will be hopping from more than the heat on the 4th.

"We can keep this holiday a time of fun, not tragedy, by driving alert, sober and buckled. Choose your designated driver and have a great time in the Bay," said McNeil.

Ross will appeal

A Department of Marine Resources Commissioner plans to appeal charges that he was among oystermen who were dredging oysters on a tonging reef south of Pass Christian.

Roland Skinner of Iberville, the attorney for 74-year-old Capt. Walter E. "Eley" Ross, said his client pleaded no contest Monday in Harrison County Justice Court, and was fined \$178. He immediately posted an appeal bond and a trial date will be set within 30 days in Harrison County Justice Court, Skinner said.

Ross was among 23 oyster dredgers ticketed May 15 during a sting operation by conservation officers from the Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks. Several have already pleaded guilty and paid fines of \$178 each.

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Ms. Mississippi Senior

The Bay St. Louis City Council recently acknowledged Lucette Worrell's victory as the reigning Ms. Mississippi Senior '98. Ms. Worrell, of Bay St. Louis, will represent Mississippi in the national pageant to be held at the Biloxi Grand Theatre August 21 and 22. Pictured from left, Tad Black, Carleen Moran, Ms. Worrell, Connie Lampley, and Jim Thriffley.

DEQ looks into claims of illegal dump sites

BY ED LEPOMA
The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality sent an inspector to Hancock County this week to check out claims of illegal dump sites.

Michelle Vinson, the state's solid waste coordinator for the Southern Region, confirmed that she visited several sites in Hancock County Tuesday and Wednesday, and she would issue a report following her inspections.

Vinson said most of the allegedly illegal dumping sites were in the Kiln area, but she also checked out a couple of dumping sites in Waveland.

"At one site, there was some construction demolition debris and some household garbage," said Vinson. "At another, there were some tree clearing debris and junk tires."

She said the DEQ's policy was to check property records to find the owners of the sites, then check any permits they might have on file with DEQ. She said if the dump sites are not permitted, owners will be notified by DEQ they are in violation of state laws and could be subject to fines. The owners would be given approximately 30 days to clean up the sites, and a follow-up inspection would be made to see if they complied, Vinson said.

While she was in Hancock County, Vinson said she also checked out two mining pits which owners are attempting to get permitted as Class II rubbish sites.

"For the most part, they looked great," said Vinson. "They've really been cleaned up."

The pits Vinson checked are in close proximity to each other on the Kiln-Picayune Road and are owned by Kevin and Lisa Haas and Prince Ladner.

Those owners, as well as Charles Henley, have petitioned the Hancock County Regional Solid Waste Authority to amend the county's 20-year Solid Waste Plan and allow them to take in construction and demolition debris.

However, some commissioners on the six-member authority said they might oppose the permitting if owners want to open the sites to commercial dumping.

The owners of the sites contend they are in the lot clearing and home construction business, and the sites would mainly be used for their personal dumping.

Bayou Town puppet show to highlight reading program

"When the Rains Came Down in Bayou Town," a puppet show based on Cherie Schadler's new children's book, will highlight the fourth week of the Hancock County Library System's 1998 Summer Reading Program Tuesday, June 30, 10:30 a.m. at the Waveland Library Literacy Center; Wednesday, July 1, 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library; and Thursday, July 2, 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Library.

Schadler is a native New Orleansian who strives to create wholesome, moral-based entertainment for children. The characters are from her first book, *Welcome to Bayou Town*. She and her husband, Ron, perform at puppet shows throughout the South.

Bayou Town is full of fun people and animals. Mr. Boudreaux, the mayor of Bayou Town, runs the Seafood Shack and is always cooking some-

thing good. His son, Toby, likes to pretend. His mama, Miss Marie, grows the best vegetables in Bayou Town, and Alfons, the mischievous alligator, is the Boudreaux family's pet.

For information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724; or Evelyn Necaise, Waveland Library Literacy Center, 467-9240.

Site clean-up to cost NASA \$3.3 million

BY ED LEPOMA
Cleanup of two contaminated areas at NASA Stennis Space Center could begin as early as October and take up to five years to complete.

Ron Magee, NASA's Environmental Officer, made the comment Thursday night after the second of two information hearings were conducted to discuss the agency's strategy for the cleanup and to get the public's input.

Magee said about 35 NASA employees, mostly scientists, turned out for the morning session held at Stennis, with less than a dozen attending the night session held at the Bay St. Louis Public Library.

Money for the cleanup, estimated at \$3.3 million, is already included in NASA's Stennis budget, said Magee.

Magee said the cleanup operations will go on simultaneously, but will probably first get underway with site preparations near the Cypress House recreational area, referred to in the studies as Site D. Magee said some of the recreational staff will have to be relocated during the cleanup.

Area D is a five-acre site located in the southwestern portion of Stennis adjacent to the East Pearl River. At the base of the steeply sloped, grassy hillside, there are small areas of

pooled swampy water. Waste chemicals were discharged from the top of the hill onto a concrete pad and then into limestone pits that were cut into the hillside to treat the chemicals.

Numerous studies have been conducted at this site to identify and define the extent of contamination in soil, surface water, sediment and groundwater. The site was found to contain the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as trichloroethylene and chloroform, heavy metals, including chromium, nickel and lead and semi-volatile polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

NASA has already installed a security fence around the site, and plans to clean up a minor amount of soil and to install a pump-and-treat system to reduce levels of contamination of EPA-acceptable standards.

The treatment alternative decided upon was to pump the solvent out of the ground, treat it, then discharge it into the sewerage system, assuming the soils are not hazardous waste. The excavation will be backfilled with clean soil fill material and seeded with grasses native to the area.

The same pump-and-treat system will be used to clean up Area B. NASA's shops area located on a three-acre tract in the southwestern portion of

three buildings.

Studies showed an area near Building 2206 was an abrasive blasting area and is contaminated with paint and metal debris. An area located southwest of Building 2205 contained a lime rock leach pit that received wastewater from degrading activities.

Another area located south of Building 2201 was a battery storage room, an above-ground tank for used oil storage, a containment ditch and a communication cable manhole where a hydrocarbon odor was reported during a trench evacuation.

Stennis began a site identification and investigation process beginning in 1990, which originally identified 40 possibly contaminated sites. After further study, it was determined that 26 of these sites were clean or had no localized contamination. The studies continued at 14 other sites, and nine of those sites were found to need no remedial action.

Stennis has now narrowed its cleanup areas to five sites, referred to as Areas A through E, and the three areas for cleanup are now in the final stages of investigation.

Copies of the proposed cleanup action are on file for view at the main library. Written comments will be accepted until July 18.

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MorganScott Ballet master teaches at Coast Youth Ballet Academy

The Coast Youth Ballet Academy has invited Joseph Alexander of the New York City based MorganScott Ballet Company to teach a summer intensive program.

Alexander will teach beginning through advanced ballet and jazz master classes Sunday, July 5 through Friday, July 10 at the Coast Youth Ballet Academy, 356 Main Street, Bay St. Louis.

Dancers must be at least 9 years of age with at least two years of classical training for Level 2 and presently taking two ballet classes a week.

Level 3 is for advanced dancers with at least three years of pointe experience, presently taking at least three classes a week. If you are not a student of the Coast Youth Ballet, you must call in advance by Friday, July 3.

For information and level placement, call 467-4601 or 466-2625.

Sharon Loiacano, artistic director of Coast Youth Ballet, hired Alexander in 1997 to teach master classes and coach

for the school and performing ensemble. Due to the success of that first engagement, she designed this intensive with Alexander.

Loiacano said, "The young dancers love and respect Alex. He is youthful and relates well to them, and at the same time they respect him for his talent and professionalism."

Loiacano has also hired Alexander twice to perform with her ensemble in the Nutcracker. As a guest artist, Alexander has performed the lead role of Sugar Plum Cavalier, once in 1994 and again in 1997, as a principal from the MorganScott Ballet.

Alexander is excited to work with these well disciplined students. He says the MorganScott Ballet has generated in him a spirited outlook on dance that he plans to bring to the students of Coast Youth Ballet.

Alexander is the assistant director of the MorganScott Ballet Training Program and is the ballet master of the MorganScott Ballet Company.

Alexander was born and raised in Stockton, Calif. where he began his training with Ballet San Joaquin, followed by training at The Joffrey Ballet School. He danced with the National Ballet of Canada and The Milwaukee Ballet prior to becoming a principal of the MorganScott Ballet.

As a principal of the MorganScott Ballet he performed the lead male role in "Like a Lover" for the company's appearance with Al Jarreau at Carnegie Hall, and he was also a lead in Edward Morgan's "Days of Love" for the Seoul Opera House in Korea.

Alexander has taught ballet and jazz at the Milwaukee Ballet School and in California at Bolshoi West Academy of Dance and Delta College and has taught numerous master classes throughout the country, independently, and as the ballet master of the MorganScott Ballet Company.

For details, contact The Coast Youth Ballet Academy at (228) 466-2625.

St. Stanislaus holds senior recognition, alumni induction

St. Stanislaus held its senior recognition and alumni induction in Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center May 24.

The event recognizes the graduating class and formally inducts the young men into the St. Stanislaus Alumni Association.

Christopher Estrade led the opening prayer. Estrade's grandfather, James Ryan, a 1939 graduate of St. Stanislaus, was present for the ceremony.

Ray Sheehy, current Alumni Association president and a Golden Jubilarian was recognized for starting alumni chapters in Atlanta, Ga.; San Antonio, Texas; Monterey, Mexico; and San Jose, Costa Rica.

Brother Ronald Hingle, vice-principal, presented special awards to the senior class, and Fred Cherota, coordinator of activities and curriculum, assisted.

A Perfect Attendance Certificate was presented to Branden Barker, and the Seven Year Student Award was presented to Tod Duffy for his attendance in the SSC program as a resident student since the sixth grade.

For maintaining three consecutive years of President's Honor Roll status, a plaque was presented to Douglas Radzyniak.

For maintaining three consecutive years on the Alpha Honor Roll, awards were presented to Benjamin Crowell, Mark Gagnon and Brian Geiger.

For achieving two consecutive years on the Alpha Honor Roll, awards were presented to Sarmad Azhar, David Canale and Olan Suthivej.

The award for excellence in Business Studies was presented to Sarmad Azhar. The awards for excellence in English, Science, Social Studies and in Foreign Language were presented to Douglas Radzyniak; excellence in Mathematics to Brian Geiger; and in Religion to Sarmad Azhar.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce plaque went to Derek Bradley.

Because St. Stanislaus is 144 years old, tradition permeates the school environment. Through the years, second, third, fourth and fifth generation students have attended the school.

Brother Donnan Berry, president of SSC, addressed the senior legacies. Five of the young men who graduated this year have fathers who are SSC graduates. Six seniors have grandfathers who are alumni.

The senior legacies who were recognized are Derrick Ariatti Jr. and his father Robert Ariatti, class of 1971; James Currie and posthumously his grandfather James Currie, class of 1938; Christopher Estrade and his grandfather James Ryan, class of 1939; Thomas Genin, his father Al Genin Jr., class of 1960; and posthumously his grandfather, Al Genin Sr., class of 1929.

Scott Johnson and his father Charles Johnson, class of 1970; Patrick Kimbrell and his grandfather Andy Becker, class of 1935; Phillippe Michel and his grandfather Philip Shall, class of 1945; James Saucier and his father Donald Saucier, class of 1962; Ryan Tracy and posthumously his grandfather Norbert Tracy, class of 1931; and Beau Wegmann and his father Chris Wegmann, class of 1970.

Ray Sheehy, alumni association president, and the senior class representative Wes Ehler, Jermaine Washington and Jesse Williams led the Alumni Induction Pledge.

Thomas Genin led the closing prayer.

Summer Fun Benefit Show set for Hope Haven

Blann Productions, the Coast premier family entertainment company, is producing the second annual Family Fun Show to benefit Hope Haven Children's Shelter.

The show will be at the Saenger Theatre, Biloxi, July 24, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from Blann Productions, 831-9900.

The show will feature a variety of entertainment, such as magicians, singers and specialty numbers designed to be viewed by the entire family.

Hope Haven Director Terry Latham said, "If folks receive a telephone solicitation for this benefit, it's on the level. This is the only large telephone-based fund raiser we do all year. We solicit support for the shelter from across South Mississippi as we serve children from South Mississippi."

Hope Haven is a state licensed, non-profit shelter. Additional information on the shelter can be obtained by calling 467-7945 or by writing Hope Haven, P. O. Box 37, Bay St. Louis MS 39520.

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Area resident receives degree from Vanderbilt

More than 2,300 students completed requirements for degrees at Vanderbilt University in the past year.

The degrees were conferred by Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt during the May 8 commencement exercises, which marked the completion of the 123rd year of classes at Vanderbilt.

Among the graduates was, Terry Lee Welch Jr., son of Mr. Terry L. Welch Sr. of Pass Christian, bachelor of arts degree.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 7-7-213, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), notice is hereby given that a copy of the 1997 audit of Hancock County is on file in the Chancery Clerk's office of Hancock County.

In accordance with Section 7-7-221, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the following synopsis of the Hancock County audit for fiscal year ending 9-30-97 is provided in the format prescribed by the State Auditor:

Revenues	10-01-96	to	9-30-97	\$16,271,843
Expenditures	10-01-96	to	9-30-97	\$15,745,475
Cash & Investments at	9-30-97			\$15,083,288

A copy of the audit report containing all findings and recommendations as well as exceptions, if applicable, can be obtained for five dollars by writing to the Office of the State Auditor, Post Office Box 958, Jackson, MS 39205.

A copy of the audit report is also on file and available for public inspection at the City/County Public Library. In accordance with Section 31-7-115, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the audit report of the county purchase clerk and inventory control clerk is published:



State of Mississippi
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
PHIL BRYANT
AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM, INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES (REQUIRED BY SECTION 31-7-115, MISS. CODE ANN. (1972))

February 18, 1998

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi

We have made a study and evaluation of the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Hancock County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 1997. Our study and evaluation included tests of compliance of the Purchase Clerk records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, is responsible for establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with Sections 31-7-101 through 31-7-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). In addition, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for purchasing in accordance with the bid requirements of Section 31-7-13, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, has established centralized purchasing for all funds of the county. The objective of the central purchasing system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that purchases are executed in accordance with state law.

The county did not maintain adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of general fixed assets.

Because of inherent limitations in any central purchasing system and inventory control system, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, except as explained in the third paragraph, Hancock County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements.

The accompanying schedules of (1) purchases not made from the lowest bidder, (2) emergency purchases and (3) purchases made non-competitively from a sole source are presented in accordance with Section 31-7-115, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The information contained on these schedules has been subjected to procedures performed in connection with our aforementioned study and evaluation of the purchasing system and, in our opinion, is fair, presented when considered in relation to that study and evaluation.

This report is intended for use in evaluating the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Hancock County, Mississippi, and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. This is not intended to limit the distribution of the report, which is a matter of public record.

PHIL BRYANT
State Auditor

RAMONA HILL, CPA
Director, Financial and Compliance Audit Division

HANCOCK COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Not Made From the Lowest Bidder
For the Year Ended September 30, 1997

Date	Item Purchased	Bid Accepted	Vendor	Lowest Bid	Reasons for Accepting Other Than the Lowest Bid
5-6-97	Computer system	\$ 1,227	Computerland	\$ 1,115	Bid specifications were not met.

HANCOCK COUNTY
Schedule of Emergency Purchases
For the Year Ended September 30, 1997

Date	Item Purchased	Amount Paid	Vendor	Reasons for Emergency Purchase
11-6-96	Rental of automobile	\$ 915	Thrifty Car Rental	Accident occurred while delivering papers because of a road hazard.
5-20-97	Concrete	782	Gulf Concrete	Rain caused both sides of bridge to undermine, therefore concrete was needed immediately to prevent the occurrence of more damage. Equipment was hit by lightning.
5-22-97	Repair computer and equipment	2,400	Team-One	This is the only launch in the county and shrimpers rely on it during shrimp season for income. Camera was struck by lightning. Computer terminals were hit by lightning.
6-11-97	Dredging of boat launch	4,400	Dannie Ladnier	Radio in Sheriff's Department was hit by lightning.
6-27-97	Camera repair	1,351	Delta Audio	
7-2-97	Repair computer terminals	2,135	MelittTech	
7-9-97	Desk top console radio	2,392	Team-One	

HANCOCK COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Made Non-Competitively From a Sole Source
For the Year Ended September 30, 1997

Date	Item Purchased	Amount Paid	Vendor
1-21-97	Court recorder and transcriber	\$ 3,940	Lanier
2-14-97	Spreadsheet and adjustable link	3,195	J. C. Seale
7-22-97	Microphone and external speakers	3,500	America Mobile Satellite
9-29-97	Upgrade computer software	3,779	Micro Focus

B. Finding - Independent Auditor's Report on Central Purchasing System, Inventory Control System and Purchase Clerk Schedules

Inventory Control Clerk:

Finding

Section 7-7-211, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), gives the Office of the State Auditor the authority to prescribe accounting systems. As reported in the prior year audit report, fixed asset control procedures were inadequate for maintaining an accurate inventory. Subsidiary records did not adequately document the existence, valuation and completeness of general fixed assets.

Recommendation

The Inventory Control Clerk should establish adequate control procedures to ascertain the historical and/or estimated cost of general fixed assets and maintain accurate inventory records documenting the existence, valuation and completeness of general fixed assets.

Inventory Control Clerk's Response

Our present inventory computer program will be overhauled and changes will be made. We will be in compliance for the next audit.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi this the 1st day of June, 1998.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Terry E. Guenard
BY: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.
dt: June 28, 1998

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so he changed it to Lauren. He began watching Jackson's performances, and lippping the words to his music, practicing in front of the mirror in the privacy of his bedroom. He went out and spent about \$3,000 on cowboy attire and a guitar.

Dad, David, didn't take his son too seriously, but Odele, his mother, quickly became his biggest fan, he said. To show his appreciation, he took her with him to his Nevada gig last week. "She's been fighting cancer for eight to nine years, but she's recently got a clean bill of health, so this is our way of celebrating and my way of thanking her for her support," said Lauren.

Lauren's first public performance before a large audience was a couple of years ago when he appeared free of charge doing his tribute to Alan Jackson at the annual benefit for Hope Haven, Hancock County's home for abused and abandoned children.

"I was a little nervous, and I can't help getting nervous every time I perform," said Lauren. "But, once I settle down, I get a natural high from the audience reaction."

Lauren later befriended the

Elvis tribute artist at the Grand, who talked him into accompanying him to a gig in Memphis. "He said he'd cover my room and food, but he couldn't pay me anything," said Lauren. "I walked around mostly in my Alan Jackson outfit, selling pictures (of me as Jackson and the Elvis artist), and kind of baited the crowd."

The second night in Memphis he was invited on stage to sing a couple of Alan Jackson tunes, and the audience was impressed.

Lauren proudly displays a framed picture with the lyrics to Jackson's "Chattahoochee" hit song and a bottle of water from the river dangling from the top of the frame.

"The ladies of Jackson's hometown fan club saw my performance that night, and they presented it to me," said Lauren.

Lauren's exposure at Memphis later landed him a gig at the Mullet Festival in Niceville, Fla., where he performed one Jackson song in advance of Neil McCoy's concert.

Then toward the end of last year, he got an offer to perform his Alan Jackson tribute in the

"Red Hot County Show" at the Hilton Hotel in Reno last New Year's Eve and New Year's night.

"They treat you like a star," said Lauren. "They flew me out, set me up in a suite and provided my meals."

For the first time in his career, Lauren also got paid. But, he still works days in construction to make ends meet, hoping to one day get more and more bookings.

Lauren says he has no agent, but makes personal contacts on his own or gets recommended by other friends in the tribute business.

If the recent Alan Jackson concert in Biloxi is any gauge of what could happen, Lauren may be near a breakthrough.

He went to the Coliseum in Jackson attire, and said, "I was mobbed by a crowd of about 200 when I went down to the concession stand. Security came and told me, 'You're going to have to go and sit down in your seat.'"

Lauren's seat was sixth row center, and he managed to hand one of his t-shirts to Jackson on stage, but he didn't get to personally meet the performer. "His road manager gave me one

of his guitar picks though, and he said Jackson was watching me in the audience on the monitor behind the stage."

In last week's show, Lauren was on stage for 40 minutes and performed 11 songs. The pay—\$1,500.

"Not bad for 40 minutes of work," said Lauren.

Mom Odele admits she's prejudiced, but she gave her son raving reviews following that performance in Ely, Nevada, and says things are looking promising for "Davey."

"I never thought I could be so proud of someone," she says of her son's Nevada show. "He was the hit of the evening."

"After the show, he invited the band to jam with him at the Nevada Hotel, where we were staying, and they played until 7 in the morning."

Mom revealed that the band wants him to tour with them soon, and they will contact him with exact dates. "He also met someone in charge of booking entertainers for Harrah's International circuit, so I know something good is coming out of all that," she adds.

Mom said "Davey" also went out of his way to do one more

nice thing for her. He waited outside Rickey Scagg's door until he came out, and he got a picture personally autographed to me," she said.

Lauren admits looking like Alan Jackson has brought some heartache.

"I can't keep a girlfriend," he says. "They get jealous. I'm too much in the eyes of the public, I guess." Some male friends who graduated with Lauren from Bay High School have been crude, too.

"Some of them can't accept what I'm doing. Others tell me to get a real job, but right now I'm having fun, and if it doesn't pay off sooner or later, I've had a nice ride," said Lauren.

Happy 40th Birthday



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OLA holds alumnae induction, awards ceremonies

Our Lady Academy held its annual alumnae induction and academic awards convocation for seniors on May 14 and an awards assembly for the underclassmen May 21. Students, faculty and parents were in attendance for both events.

Alumnae Induction
Members of the 1998 graduating class of Our Lady Academy were formally inducted into the SJA/OLA Alumnae Association by Frances Voelkel, '64 graduate of St. Joseph Academy and Religious Studies teacher at Our Lady Academy.

Special Awards
Anna Greene was recognized as OLA's 1998 valedictorian and STAR Student. Betty Benabat, English teacher and sponsor of the yearbook and literary magazine, was presented as her STAR Teacher. Margie Harris received recognition as the salutatorian from the Class of 1998 and an Outstanding Student by the Tandy Technology Scholars Program, which promotes science and technology education.

Rebecca Walley was recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist for 1997-98.

Students receiving perfect attendance awards are:

DeNira Dedaux, Jacqueline Herber, Katherine Milner and Amy Rema, seventh grade; Erica Beavenutti, eighth grade; Samantha Neal, Nora Oliver and Jessica Warburton, ninth grade; Mia Alexander, Angela Brown and Terry Fulford, 11th grade; and Kristen Gilmore, 12th grade.

Pepsi Students of the year were presented medallions by Sam Alman III of Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. They are Katherine Milner, Anna Brannin, Jill Rutherford, Lauren Hansell, Leslie Bennett and Jessica Keller.

Honor Roll
Seventh grade: Alicia Asper, Brittan Bailey, DeNira Dedaux, Jennifer Loftus, Katherine Milner.

Eighth grade: Mindy Davis. Ninth grade: Elizabeth Chilimigras, Nora Oliver, Latonya Piernas.

Tenth grade: Lauren Hansell, Beth Harris, Sarah Luster, Hazel Payet.

Eleventh grade: Mia Alexander, Angela Brown, Shay Coss, Leslie Esher, Kiana Nguyen, Patricia Williams.

Twelfth grade: Marie Harris, Beverly Sy.

Other students who made Alpha Honor Roll (3.5-4.0) for the first three quarters were given certificate, including:

Seventh grade: Clare Adam, Jacqueline Herber, Katherine Holt, Nicole McDonald, Keith Puckett, Meghan Swiley.

Eighth grade: Sheila Barter, Colleen Bartholomew, Melissa Chapoton, Michelle Kenny.

Ninth grade: Katie Dennis, Mary McConnell, Jill Rutherford.

Tenth grade: Leigh-Ann Hartwell, Mary Ladner, Colleen May, Megan Pigott.

Eleventh grade: Colleen Bohn, Erin Bourg, Kim Frazier, Terry Fulford, Kristyn Kolb.

Twelfth grade: Kristine Debenport, Libby Floyd, Anna Greene, Carrie Patterson, Meredith Quinlan.

Presidential Education Awards

Ten seniors qualified for the

Presidential Educational Award (GPA of 3.5 or higher, with high school courses in the basics, and a score of 85 percent on the ACT or SAT). They are:

Laura Flores, Elizabeth Floyd, Anna Greene, Page Harder, Margie Harris, Rebecca Landry, Mary Nguyen, Carrie Patterson, Meredith Quinlan and Beverly Sy.

Nine eight graders qualified for the Presidential Educational Award (GPA of 3.5 or higher, with junior high school courses in the basics, and a score of 85 percent on the ACT or SAT). They are:

Colleen Bartholomew, Erica Beavenutti, Anna Brannin, Melissa Chapoton, Mindy Davis, Erin Gaddy, Natalie Mitchell, Linda Nguyen and Verina Robiller.

National Latin Exam Awards

Four Latin students received awards from the National Latin Exam taken in the spring. They are:

Sarah Luster, Erin Bourg and Hazel Payet, Latin I; and Terry Fulford and Nathan Russo, Latin II.

Mississippi Youth Legislature

Recognition was given to students for their outstanding work with the Mississippi Youth Legislature, including Chevonne Daigre and Leslie Morel, Outstanding Representatives; Emily Taylor, Outstanding Senator, elected President Pro-Tem of Senate; and Megan Pigott, Most Outstanding Senator.

Service Awards

Fifteen students received a service pin from the OLA campus Ministry Service Organization for their volunteer service of more than 100 hours each during 1997-98. They are Jennifer Glover, Anna Brannin, Rachel Dauro, Kristen D. Ladner, Deshawna Meighan, Lyndsie Kivell, Mia Alexander, Leslie Bennett, Angela Brown, Nina Crain, Melissa Niolet, Emily Alford, Lynn Dubuison, Margie Harris and Georgmarie Moore.

Seventeen students were presented certificates for having accomplished 30 or more hours of service. They are Jennifer Adams, Alicia Asper, Brady Bordelon, Breana Conaway, Jami English, Jennifer Loftus,

Colleen Bartholomew, Erin Gaddy, Linda Nguyen, Kiane Ryan, Christine Schmitz, Meghan Williams, Dawn Daigre, Elizabeth Harris, Aimee Boudreaux, Leslie Esher and Courtney Scianna.

Academic and Achievement Awards

Academic awards were presented to the student with the highest average in a subject.

Achievement awards were presented to the student with a positive attitude who has shown the most growth, improvement and contribution to the class. Students receiving the class academic and achievement awards are:

Fine Arts Academic Award, Roxanne McCullough.

Fine Arts Achievement Award, Corta Thompson.

Art I Academic Award, Kim Frazier.

Art I Achievement Award, Lynn Dubuison.

8th Grade Keyboarding

Academic, Mindy Davis.

8th Grade Keyboarding Achievement, Maureen Lynch.

Accounting Academic, Marie Cuevas.

Accounting Achievement, Angela Brown.

Entrepreneurship Academic, Hazel Payet.

Entrepreneurship Achievement, Connie Balentine.

Personal Applications Academic, Lyndsie Kivell.

Personal Applications Achievement, Christin Hirsch.

Computer Application Academic, Latonya Piernas.

Computer Application Achievement, Amanda Balentine.

Communication in Business Academic, Kirsten Gilmore.

Communication in Business Achievement, Julie Seller.

Word Processing Academic, Rebecca Landry.

Word Processing Achievement, Remy Bezou.

English

7th Grade English Academic, Julie Reboul.

7th Grade English Achievement, Brady Bordelon and Katie Whitman.

7th Grade Reading Academic, Julie Reboul.

7th Grade Reading Achievement, Allyson Gamard and Megan Hunter.

7th Grade Study Skills Academic, Alicia Asper.

7th Grade Study Skills Achievement, Heidi Marengo, Courtney Rieux, and Ashley Rutherford.

8th Grade English Academic, Mindy Davis.

8th Grade English Achievement, Colleen Bartholomew and Linda Nguyen.

English I Academic, Mandy McConnell.

English I Achievement, Tehra Cuevas.

English II Academic, Sarah Luster.

English II Achievement, Lauren Hansell and Hazel Payet.

English III Academic, Shay Coss.

English III Achievement, April Ebrite.

English IV Academic, Margie Harris.

English IV Achievement, Marie Cuevas.

Creative Writing Academic, Leigh Anne Hartwell.

Creative Writing Achievement, Sarah Carter.

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Mississippi Writers Achievement, Carlie Cadrecha.

Mythology Academic, Roxanne McCullough.

Mythology Achievement, Kathleen Currie.

Speech Academic, Shay Coss.

Speech Achievement, Kristin N. Ladner.

World Literature Academic, Rebecca Walley.

World Literature Achievement, Emily Taylor.

7th Grade Introduction to Latin Academic, Julie Reboul.

7th Grade Introduction to Latin Achievement, Ashley Timidaiski.

Latin I Academic, Sarah Luster.

Latin I Achievement, Hazel Payet.

Latin II Academic, Elizabeth Floyd.

Latin II Achievement, Roxanne McCullough.

8th Grade Introduction to

Spanish Academic, Linda Nguyen.

Spanish I Academic, Nora Oliver.

Spanish I Achievement, Amy Kennelly.

Spanish II Academic, Lauren Hansell.

Spanish II Achievement, Katy Kennedy.

Spanish III Academic, Lauren Hansell.

Spanish III Achievement, Leslie Morel.

International Foreign Language Award Nominee, Lyndsie Kivell.

International Foreign Language Award in Spanish, Mary Coludrovich.

7th Grade Mathematics Academic, Brittan Bailey.

7th Grade Mathematics Achievement, Heidi Marengo.

Pre-Algebra Academic, Lauren Upshaw.

Pre-Algebra Achievement, Susan Goode and Katie Whitman.

Algebra I Academic, Mindy Davis.

Algebra I Achievement, Colleen Bartholomew and Elizabeth Uram.

Geometry Academic, Elizabeth Chilimigras.

Geometry Achievement, Kristin D. Ladner and Latonya Piernas.

Algebra II Academic, Hazel Payet.

Algebra II Achievement, Colleen Dubuison.

Trigonometry Academic, Elizabeth Floyd.

Trigonometry Achievement, Marie Cuevas, Diana Nguyen and Patricia Williams.

Pre-Calculus Academic, Elizabeth Floyd.

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Nurse practitioner Singley joins Hancock Women's Center staff

Dimitry A. Yanez, MD of Hancock Women's Center, announces the association of Laura Singley, WHCNP (Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner) to the staff.

Singley, a native of Laurel, earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and master's degree from the University of Alabama/Birmingham.

She will conduct gynecological and obstetric examinations, wellness checkups and administer ultrasound tests. She can treat minor gynecological problems and has special interest in biofeedback therapy and teen health issues.

"We are pleased to welcome Laura to the community," said Yanez. "We will take care of obstetric patients as a team. Plans include extending our services in the north part of the county later in the year."

Singley was previously employed by the Florida Urology Clinic in Ormond Beach Fla., where she specialized in biofeedback therapy for urinary incontinence. Prior to that she was employed by the OB/GYN Group of Laurel.

She and her husband, Richard, have a daughter, 6, and a son, 2.

Singley will see patients by appointment Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fire chief encourages firework safety

It is extremely important to know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Stay away from anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

Here are some tips to help ensure a safe Fourth of July in Bay St. Louis from Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie:

- Stay away from illegal explosives. Illegal explosive devices continue to cause serious injuries around the July 4 holiday. These devices are commonly known as M-80s, M-100s, blockbusters or quarterpounders.

Federally banned since 1966, these items will not contain the manufacturer's name and are usually totally unlabeled. Don't purchase or use unlabeled fireworks. If you are aware of anyone selling such devices, contact the Bay St. Louis Police Department at 467-9221.

- Homemade fireworks are deadly. Never attempt to make your own devices and do not purchase or use any kits that are advertised for making fireworks. Mixing and loading chemical powders is very dangerous and can kill or seriously injure you. Leave the making of fireworks to the experts.

- Always read and follow label instructions.

- Have an adult present at all times.

- Buy from reliable fireworks sellers.

- Ignite all fireworks outdoors.

- Have water handy.

- Light fireworks one at a time.

- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks.

- Never give fireworks to small children.

- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

- Dispose of properly.

- Never throw fireworks at another person.

- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

"Residents and visitors must follow Bay St. Louis City Code Section 46 in the discharge of fireworks. During the 4th of July holidays fireworks may be sold, purchased and discharged from June 24 through July 4 only.

"Fireworks may not be discharged into or on any street, avenue, alley, or sidewalk. All necessary and reasonable precautions for safety must be taken," said Chief Gavagnie.

"It has been very dry in Bay St. Louis during May and June. Everyone needs to be responsible, cautious and avoid personal injury and accidental fires. We want everyone to have a great holiday, but we want it safe."

Local students make honors list at State

President's scholars for the 1998 spring semester at Mississippi State University include David DeBlanc, Elizabeth Dillenkoff, Leo Seal III and Kenneth Spansel, all of Bay St. Louis; Jolene Page of Kiln and Sean Ziegeler of Waveland.

Students on the president's list achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

Dean's scholars for the 1998 spring semester at Mississippi State University include Lisa Cuevas of Pearlinton, Amie Geary and Sara Smolensky, both of Waveland, and John Gehin Jr. and Melissa Knight of Bay St. Louis.

Dean's list students achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79 based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

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Finding value in the stock market

How do you know a good value when you see it? In the grocery store, finding value may mean buying plain-label items that are the same quality as those with brand names. When car buying, looking for value means conducting thorough research and comparison shopping.

But what about when you're buying stocks?

Finding a good stock means choosing solid companies that consistently make profits for their shareholders — while paying a reasonable price compared to the stock's earnings. That's the price-to-earnings ratio, or P/E.

For example, a stock selling at \$60 and earning \$4 per share has a P/E of 15 ($60 \div 4 = 15$). Another one selling at \$60 but earning \$2.40 per share has a P/E of 25 ($60 \div 2.40 = 25$). If the overall stock market has an average P/E of 20, the first stock has a low P/E and the second has a high P/E compared to the average.

However, the P/E alone is not enough to base your deci-



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sion on. A stock may have a higher P/E but also may be a more solid company. But if you were comparing two companies with the same fundamentals — a long history of solid growth, profits and dividends, among others — and one had a higher P/E, the stock with the lower P/E may be a better value.

A recent study found that low P/E stocks have often outperformed high P/E stocks. Conducted by economist and portfolio manager Dr. Michael A. Berry and published by the financial research firms

Ibbotson and Sinquefeld, the study tracked New York Stock Exchange stocks during different market climates. It found that low P/E stocks performed considerably better than high P/E stocks in nine out of the 12 market declines of 20 percent or more from 1937 to 1995. In fact, the low P/E stocks actually beat the market in eight of the 12 declines. The study also found that low P/E stocks outperformed high P/E stocks during seven out of 12 recovery periods following the market declines.

This is not to say you

should always buy low P/E stocks and never buy those with high P/E's. With the popularity of stocks today, some of the most solid companies are selling at prices that are high relative to earnings.

However, a stock's P/E factor can be a significant consideration in your overall evaluation. A high P/E may be an indication of a company that doesn't have the earnings and growth potential to justify its market value. The lesson here is to do your homework and weigh all factors before you decide to buy.

Student job seekers cause unemployment rate to inch up

The influx of student workers into the labor force caused the state unemployment rate to inch up one-half a percentage point in May for a rate of 5.3 percent, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission

(MESC) announced Friday. "Early indications are that only about half of the first wave of student job seekers were able to find summer employment," said MESC Executive Director

Thomas E. Lord.

He said that lack of job opportunities for high school and college students particularly in the rural areas of the state continues to be a problem.

Even with the slight increase from April, the May unemployment rate is lower than last year's May rate which stood at 5.8 percent, Lord said.

"When adjusted for seasonality, the May jobless rate actually declined by two-tenths of a point for a rate of 5.1 percent," he said. The national unemployment rate for May was 4.2 percent.

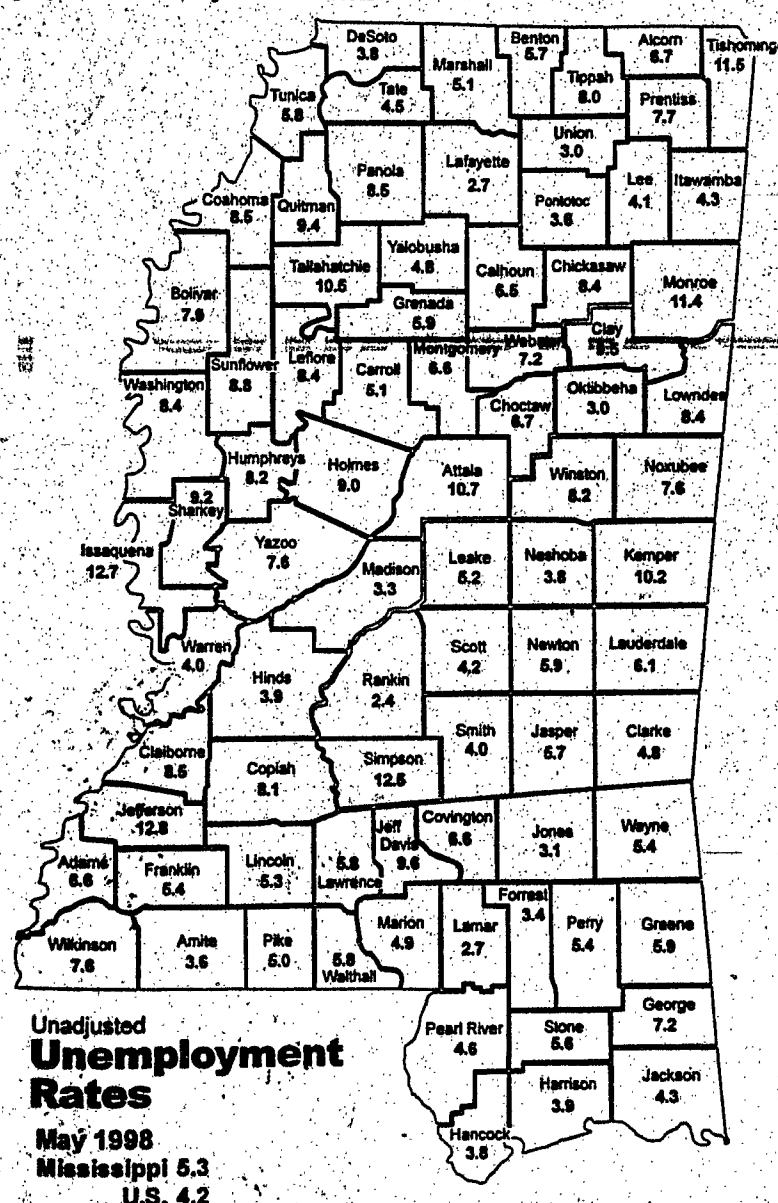
Rankin County continues to record the state's lowest unemployment rate with a rate of 2.4 percent. Lamar and Lafayette

counties shared the second place with each recording a rate of 2.7 percent.

Only eight counties reported a double-digit rate. They were Kemper, Tallahatchie, Attala, Monroe, Tishomingo, Simpson, Issaquena and Jefferson counties. The 12.8 percent rate of Jefferson County was the state's highest.

Lord said the June and July unemployment rates will likely reflect an increase as the total effect of student job seekers is felt.

"In June and July the full brunt of student workers seeking employment will put even more pressure on a crowded job market and likely will sent the rate upwards," he said.



Trade club to meet

The International Trade Club of Mississippi Inc., Southern Chapter, will hold its monthly dinner meeting Thursday, July 16 at the Great Southern Club in the Hancock Bank Building.

Guest speaker will be Greg Jones, consultant to the Mississippi Coast Foreign Trade Zone Inc., FTZ #92, also with the firm Foreign-Trade Zone Corporation, Mobile, Ala.

Jones has served as president of the National Foreign Trade Zone Association. His presentation will provide a brief overview of the United States Foreign Trade Zone program.

A reception will be from 6-8:30 p.m. with cocktails sponsored by Mississippi Coast Foreign Trade Zone Inc., FTZ

#92 followed by dinner. Cost is \$15 for members and guests, \$18 for non-members, and membership dues are \$40 annually.

Call Aletha Smith at 228-392-0907 on or before Tuesday, July 14 for reservations. Those with dietary needs should make that known at that time. Cancellations are required at least one day prior to the event. No-shows will be billed.

The Aug. 20 meeting speaker will be International Trade Club of Mississippi Inc. State President Roger E. Barlow.

Barlow is the bureau director in the Market Development Division of the State of Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

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Each camper is assigned by age to one of four groups: Shrimp, Stingrays, Dolphins and Sharks. Many of the Shrimp, ages nine and 10, are first-time campers, while in the oldest group, the Sharks, some campers have years of experience.

Keeping a close eye on the boys are more than 40 counselors and counselors in training (cit). Each counselor is chosen by the school, and many are St. Stanislaus graduates.

After years of experience as both a camper and a counselor, Assistant Camp Director Matt Richmond, 25, said he still loves his job, especially working with the youngest campers.

"They're never boring. They're amazed at a lot of the

activities," he said. "And, when they act up, I understand, because they're little kids."

One of the biggest problems early on in the six-week session is homesickness, which tends to hit the Shrimp the hardest.

The boys board in the school's residence hall in rooms of four and usually do not know their roommates. It proves a little scary for nine- and 10-year-olds away from home for the first time.

"Last week I had a couple of rooms where all four were crying," said Shrimp head counselor Matt Tusa. "Brother Lee Barker takes care of all the kids who are homesick."

After the first week or so, most of the homesickness had waned and camp was in full swing.

One recent morning found Bernie Sy, 22, Dolphin head counselor in the gym with about one third of his group. Sy, like the other three head counselors, has about nine counselors working under him, enabling the group to be split up for activities.

While Sy's third of the group was practicing on the rifle range in the gym, another third was working on arts and crafts, and the final third had left early in the morning for some horseback riding.

Sitting on the bleachers with his campers was rifle instructor Joe Gex, a 1988 Stanislaus graduate, teacher and coach, gave the orders on the rifle range. Sy laughed and joked with the kids

and answered numerous questions, obviously enjoying what he was doing.

"The most difficult thing is keeping them in line. They tend to get overly excited," said Sy of his campers. "It's not very hard when you realize they are having fun."

Even at his young age, Sy admitted to feeling a little old and having to familiarize himself with the younger boys' taste in music and clothes.

Out on the pier meanwhile, the day could have gone a little better for the Shrimp. A lack of wind quashed sailing, and an attack of sea nettles drove many of the boys from the water and back onto the pier.

Nothing a little "monkey blood" can't handle. Monkey blood is the camp name for Merthiolate which is used on the stings and various other cuts and scrapes.

"We tell them the monkey blood doesn't sting, the alligator blood does," laughed Richmond.

Out in the water, one group of about 12 braved the sea nettles and was playing "king of the raft." A group of six waved as they rode by on "the banana," a bright yellow float pulled behind a boat.

At the end of the pier, fishing lines were cast, and nine-year-old Mauricio Castro of Costa Rica proudly announced he had already landed three fish.

On the pier, 10-year-old Ryan Bell of Mandeville said he is a second-year camper and picked horseback riding as his favorite activity. He reported getting along fine with his roommates Josh, Jeff and John Paul. Chris

Causey was Bell's current pick for favorite counselor because Bell said, "(Causey) always helps me when I fall down and stuff."

A little while later, three boats pull in loaded down with Sharks who had spent the morning fishing off a nearby island.

Camper Keven Stoltz, 15, of Slidell is at camp for the fourth year and hopes to be a counselor-in-training.

"It's a lot of fun," said Stoltz of camp. "A lot of people come back."

The Sharks are very proud of the extra privileges provided them as the oldest campers.

"We get to go to bed later," said Kenny Swenson, 13, of Baton Rouge. "We're the daredevils. We get to do everything first."

Many boys are trying things for the first time, which can sometimes prove a little nerve-racking said counselor-in-training Jermaine Washington, 18, from Pass Christian and a 1998 St. Stanislaus graduate.

"Sometimes they're scared to get in the water, because people tell them there are alligators, which there are, but not where we go," he said of skiing trips.

There are also trips to water parks, movies and bowling, and each weekend brings a "mystery trip."

With all the recreational activities, it's hard to imagine campers put in two hours each day on academics. Understandably, those two hours are not at the top of many campers' lists.

It would seem that so much

activity would make "lights out" a breeze. Not so. Counselors sounded almost "parent-like" describing getting their charges to bed.

"We try to wear them out as much as possible, because otherwise you're going to have a big commotion in the dorm," said Tusa.

Washington agreed, but cited perhaps a little too much sugar as part of the problem.

"We have a night treat, like ice cream, before they go to bed, and they're bouncing off the walls," he said with a smile.

Mixed in with the counselor's job as instructor, caretaker and information service is a friendship evident in the interaction between them and the campers. It's a summer job the counselors said can't be beat.

"I love it," said Tusa, pointing out a sense of humor is essential. "They say the funniest things."

Richmond said he sees the role of counselors as providing some guidance to the boys, "kind of like a big brother mentor type of thing."

"When I was a camper, I looked up to a lot of the counselors," he said. "I still run into a lot of guys who were my counselors."

There is a lot of learning going on during the action-packed six weeks. Many campers are learning to ski or sail or even swim for the first time, but Richmond said some lessons they learn are as simple as "please" and "thank you."

"The parents comment on it," he said. "Parents come back and are just amazed."

Hurricane — Make ready now

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mille and Betsy, and we have more understanding of the vulnerability of a beachfront community. And even though, we acknowledged the beginning of this hurricane season with much more respect, we still did not take any action toward preparing until Thursday when the morning exploded with lightning, thunder, wind and rain.

Friday we made our trip to the store for bottled water, batteries for our radio and flashlight. I replenished the first aid kit and pack it with a change of clothes for us all.

I don't know that any of us — newcomers or old-timers — are ever ready for the threat of a hurricane, but I do know we can be prepared.

The Hancock County Civil Defense Hurricane Tracking maps, available at the Civil Defense office, 508 Ulman Ave., in Bay St. Louis have pretty good suggestions for preparedness and precautions families should take in case of an emergency. I have repeated a few of those suggestions here. For more information contact, Civil Defense Director Lynette Corbin at 467-9226.

Weather Terms:

Tropical Depression — a tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind is 38 mph (33 knots) or more.

Tropical Storm — a tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind is 39 mph (34 knots) or more.

Hurricane Watch — an announcement for an area that a hurricane or hurricane conditions may pose a threat to coastal areas within 36 hours.

Hurricane Warning — a warning that sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher associated with a hurricane is expected within 24 hours or less.

When a Hurricane Watch is Issued:

Check often for official bulletins on radio and television.

Gas up your vehicle.

Check mobil home tie-downs.

Moor small craft or move them to shelter.

Stock up on canned provisions.

Check supplies of needed medicines and drugs.

Check batteries for radio and flashlights.

Secure lawn furniture and other loose outdoor material.

Board or shutter windows to prevent shattering.

Make plans early for the special needs of elderly or handicapped family members.

Plan for your pets as they are not permitted in public shelters.

Store drinking water in clean bathtub, jugs, bottles and cooking utensils.

Get enough cash to last a few days if you evacuate; banks may be closed for several days.

Keep adequate cleaning supplies on hand for cleanup and emergency repairs.

Plan the route you will take if you must leave. Have an alternate route set, too.

Find out where the nearest shelter will be.

When a Hurricane Warning is Issued:

Stay tuned to radio and television.

When a hurricane warning is issued, it means there is danger of the hurricane hitting within 24 hours.

If an order to evacuate is issued for your area, secure your property and evacuate using your family plan or go to the nearest public shelter.

If You Use a Public Shelter:

Arrive early.

Expect limited space at the shelter.

Provide for your own needs by bringing adequate clothes, food, baby formula, medicines, blankets, pillows and toys to occupy children.

Be prepared to cope. The shelter will be noisy and crowded. Some folks, by virtue of physical or mental conditions, can become disoriented in a shelter environment.

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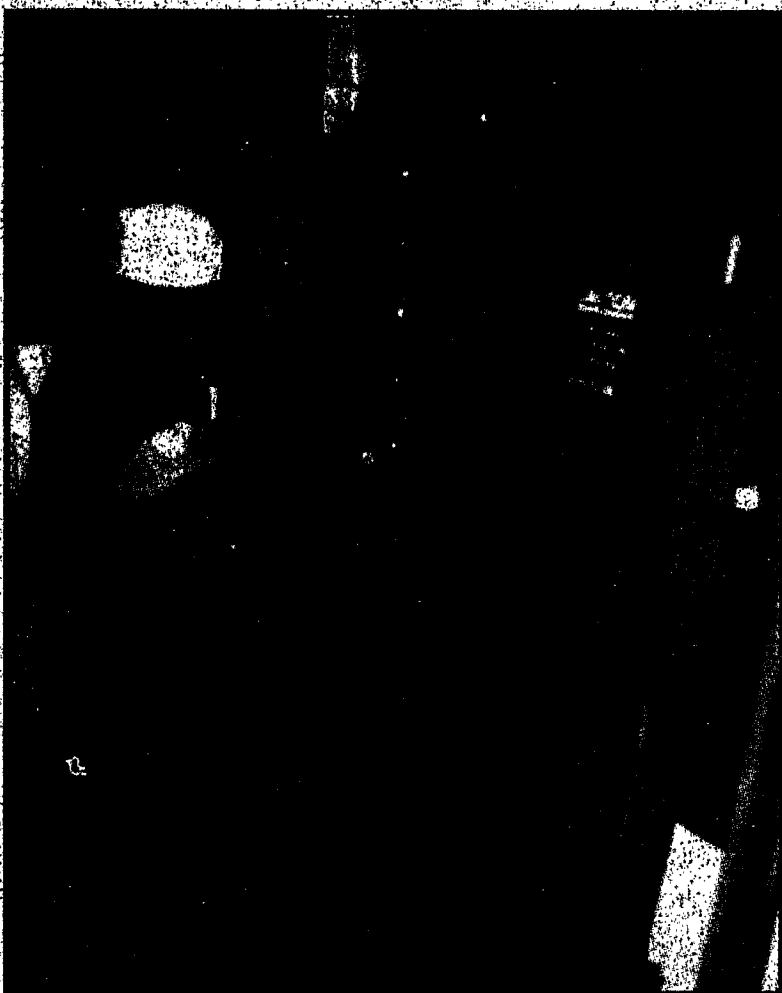
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HMC connects major utilities in final phase of construction



Change breakers

Billy Rogers, electrical foreman Doleac Electric, electrician, Shelia Murphy, change out breakers in electrical room for increased power to hospital.



Checks lab equipment

Richard Flowers, HMC Lab manager, checks temperature on lab equipment during power change over. A portable air-condition unit is at Flowers' back and is the type that was used throughout the hospital for patients comfort. All hospital air-conditioning chillers were drained, causing an interruption of regular power service.

Hancock Medical Center employees seized an opportunity Friday a week ago to test emergency preparedness skills during a major utilities outage and upgrade affecting the entire facility.

The primary purpose was to connect electrical and mechanical services to the hospital's 49,000-sq. ft. expansion currently in the final stages of construction. Contractors completed a major tie-in to air-conditioning and plumbing systems, while upgrading and replacing components of emergency and regular electrical systems. Additional work included preliminary preparation for installment in a new x-ray machine in July.

Air-conditioning chillers were drained, causing interruption in service for several hours. Portable air-conditioning units were supplied during the outage. For nearly three hours the hospital operated on emergency generator while new power sources were connected.

"We used this opportunity to exercise our disaster plan to ensure continuous quality under adverse conditions, as in the event of a major hurricane," said Facilities Service Director Hank Wheeler.

Wheeler commended all HMC departments, Coast Electric Power Association, Tilly Construction and Engineers, Doleac Electric and McKay-Ivey Mechanical for their cooperation during weeks of preparation for the upgrade.

Recently a Lucent Technologies hospital wide telecommunications system was installed to enhance the quality of telephone services.



Disconnect chillers power

Billy Rogers, electrical foreman for electrical sub contractor makes sure all wires are disconnected from air-conditioning chiller before it is lifted to a new pad position. In photo from right are Rogers, Danny Saucier, HMC maintenance Technician; Hal Leftwich, HMC administrator; and electrician, Vincent Fortenberry.



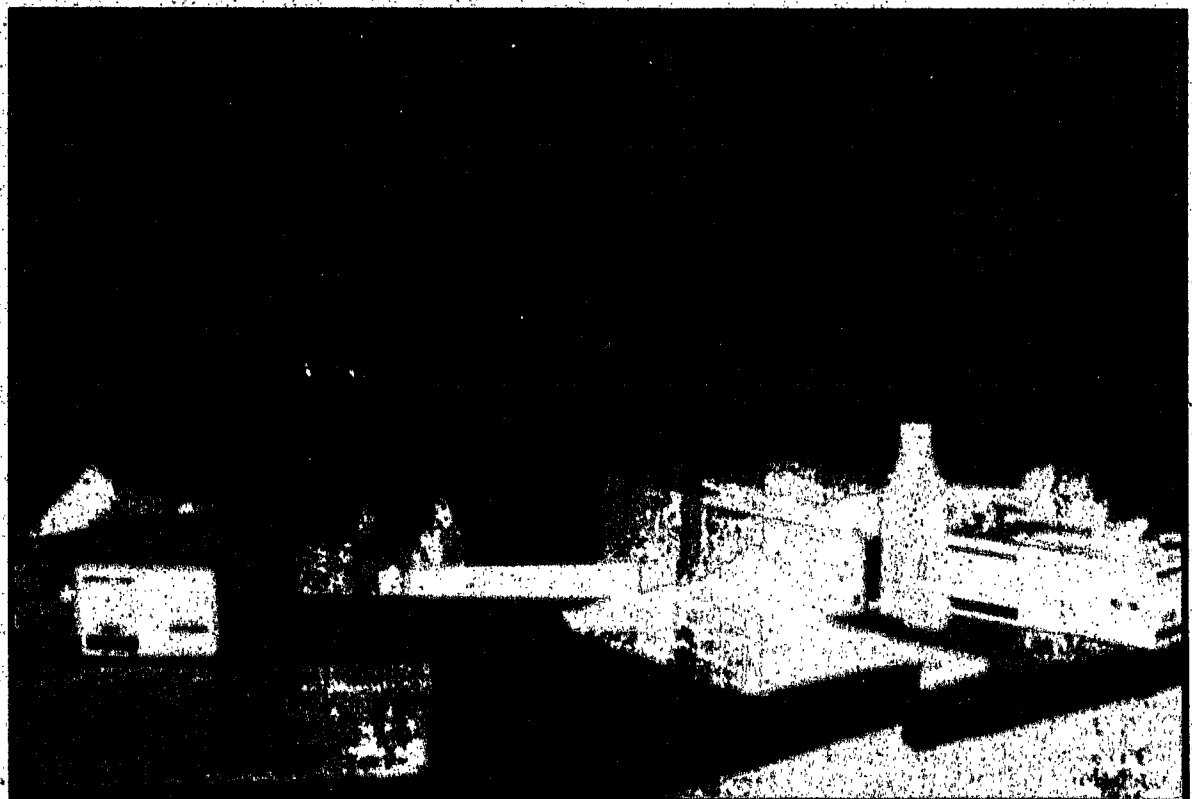
Moving chiller

Tilly Construction contractor's crew help move air-conditioning chiller to new site. Two chillers had to be moved for construction in addition to two new ones for the increase in the hospitals facilities. HMC Facilities Service Director Hank Wheeler said the new air-condition chillers can be isolated if problems occur, they can be shut down individually. Also tabs have been installed for use of external units in case of an emergency.



Lifting up chiller

Billy Rogers, electrical foreman for electrical sub contractor makes sure all wires are disconnected from air-conditioning chiller before it is lifted to a new pad position. In photo from right are Rogers, Danny Saucier, HMC maintenance Technician; Hal Leftwich, HMC administrator; and electrician, Vincent Fortenberry.



Monitor patients

HMC Intensive Care Unit's Brenda Hoffman, RN; Rob Compretta, CRTT; and Beth Chapman, RN, continue to monitor patients during hospital use of emergency generated power.

Coast native recognized for diplomatic efforts

By Kelly Schmitt
AFSA Public
Affairs Assistant

When the wife of an embassy officer became the victim of an attempted murder in her Cambodian home, Foreign Service secretary Joyce Harley quickly organized rescue efforts.

"Thanks to Joyce's quick thinking, calm demeanor and thorough follow-through, the embassy was able to respond in an effective manner to a life-threatening situation," Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn reported.

Although the victim escaped serious harm, the threat of political violence continually hangs over the Cambodian Embassy and places a somber pall over the city. In the past 19 months alone, 25 percent of the embassy staff and dependents have been involved in life-threatening incidents, Quinn said.

Yet, in the midst of the deteriorating political situation, Long Beach native Joyce Harley successfully maintained her professional duties while boosting the overall spirits of the post, Quinn said.

Harley's exceptional efforts at raising morale and superb professional performance have led to her selection as the 1998 American Foreign Service Association Delavan Award winner. The prestigious award recognizes a Foreign Service secretary "who has made an extraordinary contribution to effectiveness, professionalism and morale."

"Joyce, more than anyone else in the Embassy, took it upon herself to try to raise flagging spirits," Quinn said.

Harley became the driving force in the creation of a new "Quality of Life" committee at the Embassy which creates fun, diversionary events and excursions. A monthly "TGIF" social hour, that creates a stress-free time for embassy personnel, is one of the most popular outcomes of the committee.

During her stay in Cambodia, Harley coordinated the embassy's major social function, an Independence Day reception for 700 people. She also assisted in the traditional Fourth of July picnic, a success signified by the Cambodian Prime Minister staying an unprecedented length of time—an hour and a half.

"And as it came during a particularly depressing and insecure period, the reception seemed to lift the spirits of everyone there," Quinn said.

Harley's achievements at the Cambodian post went beyond spirit-raising activities. She was an indispensable front office stalwart who contributed enormously and centrally to the efficient running of the mission, according to Quinn.

As Quinn's secretary, Harley put in long hours and weekends to assist the rapidly evolving political situation. She put her secretarial capacities to use by preparing numerous State Department cables and the Foreign Service officer's analytical pieces on Cambodian events.

Harley also arranged for Quinn's many necessary trips, including some into the former, often uncharted domain of the Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

Although Harley's travels with the Foreign Service have taken her far from her Long Beach home, she still visits when time prevails. A Long Beach resident from age two, Harley spent her school days at St. Thomas Catholic School and

Long Beach High School. She attended the University of Maryland, European Division, while residing in Germany with her military officer husband.

"I actually believe that my urge to travel and see as much of the world as possible developed during this period," Harley reflected.

Harley embarked upon an overseas career in 1985 when two colleagues from the Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi encouraged her to join the Foreign Service. While her friends were placed in European countries, Harley was posted in Karachi, Pakistan.

"I never held it against my two friends, who were enjoying their assignment in Milan and Paris, for enticing me to join the Foreign Service," Harley said. "Karachi is an old, well-kept Foreign Service secret."

Harley is currently stationed in Budapest, Hungary, where she serves as secretary to the Ambassador. The most rewarding aspect of her position is the opportunity to travel and experience other cultures, she said.

"Providing nothing drastic happens, I am in the Foreign Service until they literally drive me away," she said. "Frankly, I couldn't have picked a better life, and I get paid to do it."

She will be recognized with the Delavan Award at a ceremony at the Department of State June 23. The award will be presented by George Harrop, son of Ambassador and Mrs. William C. Harrop. The Delavan Foundation, which supports the award, was established by the late parents of Mrs. William C. Harrop.

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Friday — Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Steamed Vegetables, Chilled Peaches, Rice Krispie Treats, Hot Roll.

Menus subject to change without notice.

Educators attend USM workshop

Six educators from Hancock County attended a seminar on "Student Discipline Techniques and Procedures for Teachers and Administrators" June 8-12 at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The educators are:

— Kelli Bowles of Diamondhead, Bay High School.

— Edwina Ducre of Diamondhead, Little Oak Middle School, Slidell.

— Elaine Smith of Diamondhead, Slidell High School.

— Rene Smith of Diamondhead, Boyet Junior High

School, Slidell

— Jay Ladner of Kiln, head basketball coach, St. Stanislaus

— Enid Cornier-Rivera of Waveland, Central Elementary School, Gulfport.

The one-week intensive course on survival training for teachers, taught by Professor of Educational Leadership and Research Dr. Johnny Purvis, included a day-long seminar, "Gangs, Cults and Violence in the School Setting."

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Auburn graduate

Debra C. Strong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Strong of Bay St. Louis, was graduated from Auburn University June 12. A 1994 graduate of Our Lady Academy, Strong received a bachelor of science degree in nutrition and food science and has been accepted into the University of Alabama at Birmingham nutritional internship program for 1998-99.

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WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS

Kosbab-Trussell



Salesha Kosbab and James Trussell

Wendy and Robert Tucker of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Salesha Ann Kosbab, also the daughter of the late Richard E. Kosbab, to James "Jay" Raymond Trussell, son of Arlyn and James Trussell of Hattiesburg. The bride-elect is a granddaughter of Eloise and Robert Hynes of Pass Christian. She is 1992 Bay High School graduate and a 1997 University of Southern Mississippi graduate with a bachelor of science in business administration degree with a major in accounting. She is employed as an auditor with EDS-Mississippi Medicaid in Jackson.

The prospective groom is a 1990 graduate of Hattiesburg High School and is presently majoring in sports administration at the

University of Southern Mississippi. His grandmother is Mabel Trussell of Hattiesburg.

The marriage will take place August 1, 1998 at 8 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. A reception will follow the ceremony. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Theaux-Comeaux



Mrs. G. Ray Theaux

St. Edmond Catholic Church in Lafayette was the setting when Shelley Ann Comeaux and G. Ray Theaux exchanged marriage vows during a 7 p.m. candlelight ceremony June 26.

The Reverend Gary Schenayder celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Julien Comeaux of Bay St. Louis. She is a graduate of Our Lady Academy and Southeastern Louisiana University and is employed by St. Thomas More Catholic High School in Lafayette.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ray Theaux of Lafayette. He is a graduate of USL and received a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. He is employed by the Lafayette Parish School Board.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore an antique ivory satin gown with self jeweled collar and cutaway bodice embellished with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of ivory antique roses.

Matrons of honor were sisters of the bride, Stacie Humphreys and Carolyn Evora. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Comeaux, sister-in-law of the bride, and Stephanie Sonnier, sister of the groom.

Best man was Jon McGuire. Groomsmen were Chad Landry, Curtis Sonnier, brother-in-law of the groom, and Scott Comeaux, brother of the bride.

Flower girl was Katie Humphreys, and ring bearer was Michael Humphreys, niece and nephew of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was hosted at A La Carte. After returning from a wedding cruise, the couple will reside in Lafayette.

Bridal parties were hosted by Mrs. A. E. Brune of Ocean Springs, Mrs. Frank Waits of Pass Christian and Ms. Bobbye Boyd of Bay St. Louis at a luau at the beach residence of Ms. Boyd.

Parties were also hosted in Lafayette by Mrs. Curtis Sonnier, sister of the groom, and a shower was hosted by Mrs. David Buck and Mrs. Dan Bangert, aunts of the bride.

BIRTHS

TYLER JAMES BREUN

Jim Breun and Nancy Clover of Kiln announce the birth of a son, Tyler James, June 12, 1998 at 5:54 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Brenda Glover of Long Beach and James Glover of Colquitt, Ga.

Paternal grandparents are Edward and Rita Breun of Kiln. Tyler is welcomed by his brother Stanley and sister Lacy.

BRITTANY LAMONICA

Angus Aikens and Dara Ferguson of Waveland announce the birth of a daughter, Brittany LaMonica, June 14, 1998 at 1:33 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents include Henry and Zettie Ferguson of Sherman, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Sophie Aikens of South Carolina.

Great-grandmother is Autry Redmond.

ALEXANDRIA "ALLY" LEIGH PATTERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Daniel Patterson Jr. of Pass Christian announce the birth of their first child, Alexandria "Ally" Leigh, June 1, 1998 at 12:29 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Patterson is the former Lela Christine Odom. Maternal grandparents are JoAnn Backe of Bay St. Louis the late Hugh "Buddy" Odom; and stepgrandfather Dennis Cowles of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Irene Patterson Sr. of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Katherine Swain, Johan Backe, Lavern and Maurice Alexander and Mattie Mae Patterson.

CALEB FRANCIS LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford Ladner of Kiln announce the birth of their first child, Caleb Francis, June 1, 1998 at 6:27 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Ladner is the former Leesa Wilkerson. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilkerson of Alexandria, Ala.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ladner of Kiln and the late Margaret Frances Ladner.

Great-grandparents include the late Bill Cap Ladner and the late May Day Ladner and Anastia Ladner.

LANE THERYN DALE MORAN

Mr. and Mrs. Dale G. Moran Jr. of Gulfport, announce the birth of their first child, Lane Theryn Dale, April 4, 1998 at 7:14 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 10 pounds.

Mrs. Moran is the former Chrissy Ladner. Maternal grandparents are Earl J. Ladner Sr. of Ansley. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Bonnie Donnelly of Gulfport and the late Dale G. Moran Sr.

Bilbo-Lewis

Marie Lewis and Scott Bilbo, both of Kiln, were united in marriage April 4, 1998 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds in Waveland.

Supervisor Philip Moran officiated.

The bride's parents are Mark and Karen Lewis both of Kiln.

The groom's parents are Thomas Bilbo and Pamela Bilbo, both of Kiln.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by maid of honor Theresa Dougherty Tomaso.

Bridesmaids were Kellie Bush Necaise and "Vivian" Elizabeth Lewis.

Miniature bride was Nola Elizabeth Necaise.

Best man was Douglas "Doug" Eugene Thigpen.

Groomsmen included Earl James "Jamie" Necaise and Walter "Stacy" Landrum.

After a wedding trip to Mobile, Ala., the couple will continue to live in Kiln.

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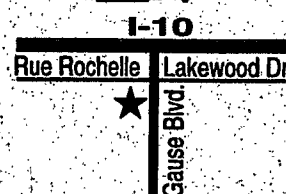
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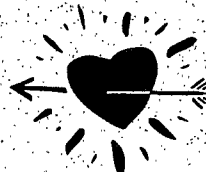
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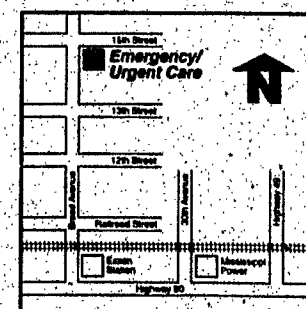
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Blowing bubbles at the beach

Sarah Ladner, a first grader at Hancock North Central Elementary, blows bubbles for fun after reading a story to her sixth grade partner during the HNCE Beach-a-thon. (Photos by Robin S. Gex)

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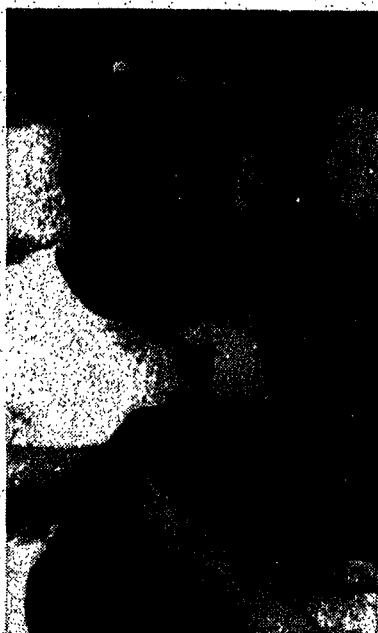
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Towards the end of the school year, the first and sixth graders at Hancock North Central Elementary School go to the beach for some fun. So how does going to the beach become educational?

Well, the students don't actually go to the beach; however, they do participate in a Beach-a-thon.

The first and sixth graders at HNCE get together and perform different activities.

The first graders will read some of their story books to the sixth graders and vice-versa. The students also participate in other educational and sharing activities in this mentoring-type of atmosphere.

Afterwards, all the students got to enjoy some fun at the beach. Many fun activities were planned, even though there wasn't any sand around.



Listening attentively

A sixth grader looks on intently as first grader Ian Larsen reads a story to him.



HNCE Beach-a-thon

First grader Jill Harris enjoyed reading a Dr. Seuss book to her sixth grade partner.

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SECOND GRADE

All As: Justin Crabtree, Brandi Graham, Andy Heaton, Ashton Hudson, Victoria Lindsey, Jessica Loftin, Megan Loisel, Mykeal Maes, Spencer Morris, River Potter, Bethany Raphael, Lyle Smith, Jordan Trahan, Chris Vidrine, Chelsea Wahl.

As & Bs: Justin Allen, Jonathan Alverango, Krystofer Bankston, Christen Berry, Tiffanie Bourgeois,

Carl Cox, Emma Craft, Melody Dahn, George Davis, Kimberly Feasel, Caleb Finch, Maegan Findley, Carrol Hart, Brandon Hess, Derek Humfress, Cameron Ingersoll, Justin Jarrach, Jacob Johnston, Brandon Jorden, Jeffrey Kleff, Nathan Koba, Ashley Ladner, Jesse Ladner, Anthony LaFrance.

Kala Lott, Liz Marcantel, Tiffany Marquar, Brooks Meyers, Heather Moran, Brittany Morrill, Heather Neal, Brandon Oglesby, Nicole Pate, Chris Potter, Courtney Smith, Samantha Smith, Sandy Smith, Stanley Tankersley, Kara Toomey, Tara Toomey, Rachel Waddell, Samantha Warnke, Eric Zeringue.

THIRD GRADE

All As: Chantyle Forrest, Leslie Gaude, Sasha Machen, Jeremy Moore, Aaron Sones, Andy Sprouse.

As & Bs: Carrie Arceneaux, Stacie Asher, Kayla Benson, Jerica Bouds, Heather Bryan, Joseph Cucurullo, Natasha Davis, Jessica Dore, Starrlyn Favre, Julie Flores, Kayse Grey, Kythe Hall, Richmond Harris, Lorelei Hedrick, Timothy Hoffman, Elmer James, Shelby LaFontaine.

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FOURTH GRADE

All As: Whitney Sellier, Nathan

Valez.

As & Bs: Amapola Baccallao, Kendra Bock, Kristen Brewer, Kristina Broussard, Kimble Byars, Billy Carter, Scott Carter Jr., Michael Catania, Brandi Chauvin, Shauncy Favre, Candice Fortenberry, Devon Foucha, Sarah Fricke, Deaira Green, Len Jenkins, Glenn Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Megan Ladner, Courtney Landrum, Penny Lott, Raquel Miller, Johnathan Moran, Heather Nacaise, Yelvet Chapman, Vanessa Peterson, Elyse Ramond, Brooke Raphael, Ashton Ruhr, Heather Shiyon, Teresa Smith, Adam Sullivan, Phillip Sullivan, Russell Tangui, Bobby Woods, Katrina Zah-niser, Drew Zeringue.

FIFTH GRADE

All As: Elizabeth White, Serena Bane, Christina Berry, Eric Besson, Katie Burnham, Alicia Cain, Yelvet Chapman, Katie Craft, Courtney Davis, Courtney Gaude, Travis Hall, Whitney Hudson, Jerrod Hutchison, Casey Johnson, Justin Johnston, Russell Ladner, Blaine LaFontaine, Kevin Le-Blanc, Danny Lee, Dany Lindsey, Chassity McKinnon, Erica Moran, Tina Perkins, Brenda Richard, Kristy Root, Drew Ruhr, Miranda Rutherford, Alycia Sellier, Paul Verdin, Sasha Williamson.

SIXTH GRADE

All As: Lacey Wahl. As & Bs: Apollonia Baccallao, David Bourgeois, Danielle Brod-ages, Jennifer Crawford, Bobby Fisher, Jessica Fricke, Victoria Link, Lindsey Richardson, Patrick Robbins, Erica Skinner, Alaina Smith, Elizabeth Troclair.

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Area students participate in Girls State

Seventy-one students from the Gulf Coast area participated in the 51st annual Girls State held June 6-12 at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The students from Bay St. Louis are Linda Adams, 17, daughter of Tony and Betty Adams of Bay St. Louis; Stacy Weaver, 16, daughter of Randy and Renee Weaver, Hancock High School; Chari McQueen, 17, daughter of Charles and Terry McQueen, Bay High School; and Alice Schulz, 17, daughter of Kelvin and Emily Schulz, Bay High School.

Students from Diamondhead are April Ebrite, daughter of Scott and Ginger Ebrite; Elissa Tucker, 17, daughter of James and Kate Eby, Our Lady Academy; Aimee Boudreaux, 17, daughter of Charles and Susan Boudreaux, Our Lady Academy; Lauren Savage, 17, daughter of Tom and Margot Savage, Hancock High School; and Lucinda Perniciaro, 17, daughter of Joe and Teresa Perniciaro, Bay High School.

Students from Kiln are Le-huna Thornton, 17, daughter of Wiley and Lynita Thornton, Hancock High School; and Keri Ann Minchew, 17, daughter of Danny and Sharon Minchew, Hancock High School.

Students from Pass Christian are Leah Parkerson, 17, daughter of Gervis and Brenda Parkerson, Pass Christian High School; Shanda Mariotti, 17, daughter of Joe and Ann Mariotti, Bay High School; and Susie Nguyen, 17, daughter of Hoang and Kim Nguyen, Pass Christian High School.

The student from Pearlinton is Selena Cagle, 17, daughter of C. J. and Joy Wyman, Hancock High School.

The students from Waveland are Jessica Pearce, 16, daughter of Woody and Belinda Pearce, Bay High School;

Courtney Scianna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson; Robin Mason, daughter of John and Debra Mason; and Leslie Esher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Esher.

More than 500 girls entering their senior year of high school participated in Girls State.

Delegates learned about politics as they nominated candidates, held campaign rallies, organized party platforms and elected state and local officials.



Chamber award

Brother Ronald Hingle, left, vice-principal of St. Stanislaus, presents Derek Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bradley of Bay St. Louis, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Award.

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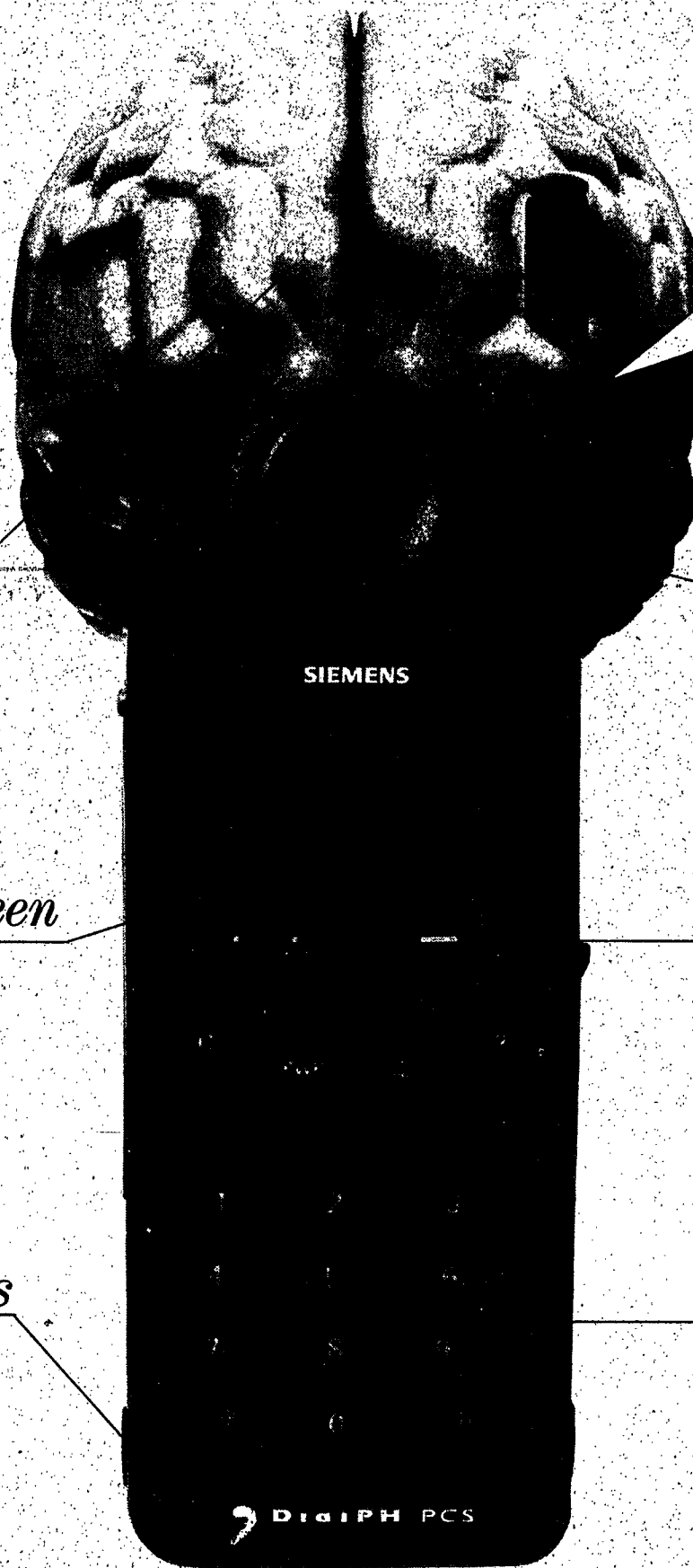
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Dominion Christian holds awards night

Dominion Christian Academy held its annual award ceremony May 29. Students, staff and parents were recognized:

Certificates of appreciation to parents for service rendered to the school: Nancy Bryan, Gene Bryan, Debbie McNeil; students, Jonathan Lytle, Heide Redford.

Shannon Redford and Sandra Lytle, teachers, were recognized for their support during the year.

Trophies were given to Chris Bryan, best attitude; Janelle Bingham and Frances Greene, fewest demerits; Chuck Delcuze, perfect attendance; Danny Dorsey and Brandy Gordon, academic achievement;

Hannah Redord and Frances Greene, non-senior highest average; Mark Perez and Christian McNeil, most books read; Leah Peluso, most improved; Alicia Faucetta and Jessie Kealeri, home study recognition; Heide Redford and Charles Delcuze, senior academic achievement.

Local students in leading Mississippi State honor society

Some 161 students are newly inducted members of the leading national higher education honor society at Mississippi State University.

Phi Kappa Phi membership is open to seniors at the top of their class in all majors.

Graduate students, juniors and some sophomores whose scholastic achievements are at the very highest levels also are eligible.

Area newly inducted students include:

Beth Dillenkoffer of Bay St. Louis, a junior psychology/elementary education major; Jolene Page of Kiln, a junior mechanical engineering major; and Erica Lizana of Pass Christian, a senior medical technology major.

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Unit 139

On June 4, the ladies from Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 visited the Dixie White House Nursing Center in Pass Christian and entertained the residents.

The residents were assembled in the Day Room by director of activities Jackie Burnett.

Lena Mae Oustalet played the piano as Roslyn Weathers led the singing. The residents thanked the ladies for the entertainment.

On June 16, Unit 139 ladies visited the Woodland Village Nursing Center in Diamondhead. Judy Jackson, director of activities, had the residents waiting in the recreation room. Lena Mae Oustalet played the piano, and Roslyn Weathers led the singing of the residents' favorite songs.

On June 18, the ladies from Unit 139 visited the Hotel Reed Nursing Center for the monthly birthday party. Jeff Upchurch, director of activities, had the room filled with residents waiting to be entertained.

The June celebrants also thanked the ladies for remembering their birthdays with song and presents.

Lena Mae Oustalet played the piano as Roslyn Weathers led the singing. While "Happy Birthday" was sung, the residents were handed gifts. The staff served refreshments.

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary
Dept. of Mississippi

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary of the Department of Mississippi held their 64th annual convention June 19-21 in Tupelo at the Ramada Inn.

Hugh Long, state commander, directed the VFW meetings, and Marie Ward, department president, directed the ladies auxiliary meetings.

National representatives were John E. Moon, commander-in-chief, and Lucille Suchina, past national president.

1998-99 State Commander Charles Garrett, and 1998-99 Department President Cathy Beard, were duly elected and installed June 21.

Members attending from Diamondhead Post and Ladies Auxiliary 2880 were Leonard and Celine Nederveld. Post Commander Michael Schaefer and Post Quartermaster Howard Peters were recognized as all-state commander and all-state quartermaster.

The Ladies Auxiliary received first place citations for publicity and National Home.

The Diamondhead Post and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second Wednesday of every month at St. William's Hall on Edwin Ladner Road. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Individuals who would like to join the organization and meet the criteria for membership should call Mike at 255-7884 or Celine at 255-5732.

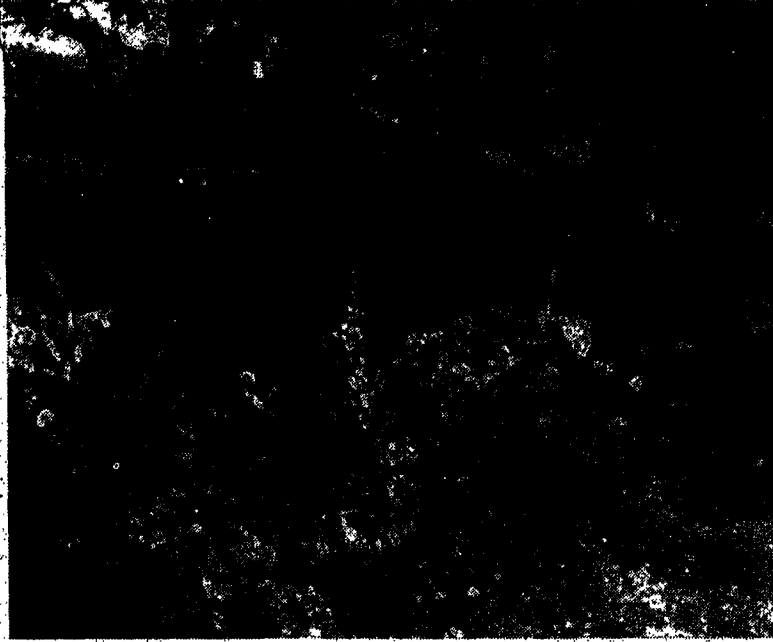
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For further details, call V.F.W. Post 3253 Commander Gene Schloegel at 467-6772.



Golf Course Garden

The home of Joseph and Drinda Tortorich of Pine Street has been chosen by the Diamondhead Garden Club as the Golf Course Garden of the Month for June.

Diamondhead Garden Club

This has been a record year for new members in the Diamondhead Garden Club. May saw six more. Welcome to Vicki Asercion, Bernice Augram, Kristy Logan, June Murphy, Angela Petrucio and Gertrude Toncrey.

Marion Kollasch, garden club librarian, has acquired new books. The subjects are bonsai, natural gardening, composting and ornamental grasses. The books will be in the garden club office in the Community Center. To check out a book, contact Kollasch, Deborah DeLong or Kristin Alyea.

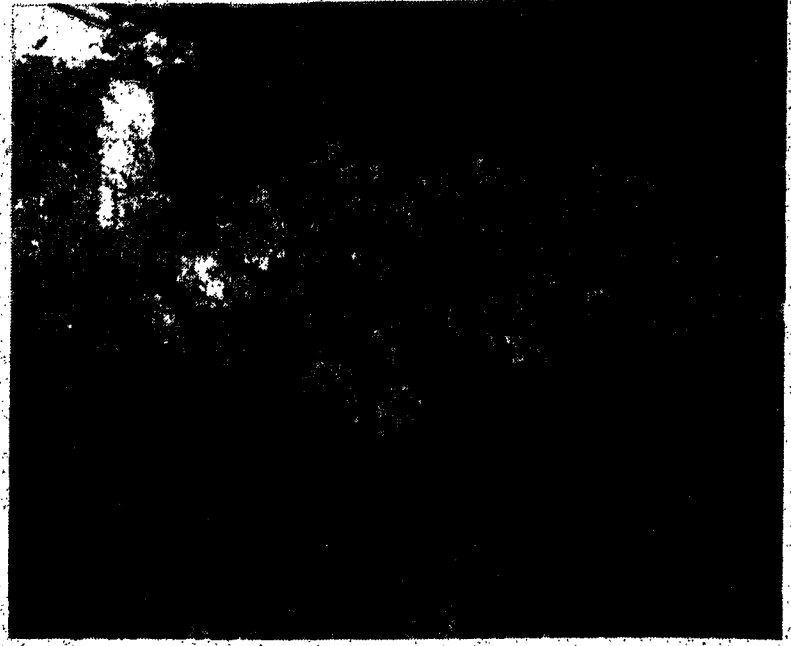
Garden-of-the-Month recipients, who have overcome the recent drought, include:

Golf Course Garden: Joseph and Drinda Tortorich, No. 3 Pine;

Garden of the Month: Chuck and Leila Thissell, 652 Koula Place; and

Commercial Award: Blademaster for Landscaping Lifestyle 2000, Aloha Drive.

The Garden-of-the-Month chairs welcome suggestions. GOM co-chairs are Marge Dieball and Sue Goode; Frankie Moran is golf course chair.



Residential pick

Diamondhead Garden Club has picked the residential gardens of Charles and Leila Thissell, 652 Koula Place, as the Residential Garden of the Month for June.



Commercial selection

The offices of Lifestyles 2000 on Aloha Drive West was selected by the Diamondhead Garden Club as the June Commercial Garden of the Month.

New programs and projects are being developed for next year. Among those already on line are landscaping around the Bartram Trail marker near the yacht club and donating day lilies to add to the Cathy McFaul Memorial Garden by the country club. Plants for these projects will come from the gardens of club members.

Club members are asked to suggest items that require little maintenance. Call Kristin Alyea by July 15.

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Terry Earl, speeding, fined \$118.
Burnett Edward, driving license suspended, fined \$226.50.
Terry Earl, no drivers license, fined \$52.
Bundick Michael T., speeding, fined \$72.
Burnett Edward, driving license suspended, fined \$227.
Watkins Spencer E., speeding, fined \$72.
Burnett Edward, driving license suspended, fined \$227.
Carter David H., speeding, fined \$72.
Verlander Christina A., expired sticker, fined \$37; improper equipment, fined \$52.

Treadway Edwin James, speeding, fined \$92.
Hoda Gordon D., Jr., tag violation, fined \$62; speeding, fined \$52.
Moore William, drunk/public, fined \$77; warrant issued.
Woodsmall Darryl T., expired sticker, two counts, affidavit withdrawn.

House Larry J., reckless driving, fined \$57.
Gaynor Joyce M., speeding, fined \$92.
Summers Glen P., no drivers license, fined \$58.
House Larry Joseph, driving license suspended, fined \$233.
Vejar Belinda G., speeding, fined \$107.

Jarvis Benjamin L., DUI 1st offense, tag violation, no drivers license, careless driving, credit to time served in county jail.

Rhode John A., expired sticker, fined \$43; expired tag, fined \$72.
Scarborough Winfred, expired sticker, fined \$43.
Deagano Lionel J., no sticker, fined \$43.

Smith Mark A., speeding, fined \$67.
McLaurin Audrey, no drivers license, fined \$58.

McIntosh Brian, improper equipment, fined \$64.
Hoover Jonathan James, speeding, fined \$102.

Little Deborah H., expired sticker, fined \$49.
Lusich Jeanette B., expired tag, expired sticker, seatbelt violation, affidavit withdrawn.

Hinkel David A., speeding, fined \$108.
Stroud Charles E., speeding, no sticker, not guilty.

Manieri Lillie D., driving license suspended, fined \$239; false information, fined \$90; warrant issued.
Jefferson Willie D., speeding, fined \$68.

McWilliams Kenneth L., speeding, fined \$68.
Brooks Regina D., speeding, fined \$128.

Allred Brian A., speeding, fined \$128.
Fleming Ruth, speeding, fined \$68.

Hoda Jana L., speeding, fined \$68.
Jenkins David L., speeding, fined \$108.

Ladner Tony W., speeding, not guilty.
Knowles James A. Jr., improper equipment, fined \$64.

McCalpine Tonya R., speeding, fined \$128.
Carwell Billy Ray, speeding, fined \$68.

Williams Jonathan Thad, speeding, fined \$68.
Williams Marcia A., speeding, fined \$68.

Drummond Daniel T., speeding, not guilty.
Stockstill Steven R., driving license suspended, fined \$410.

LeBlanc Nora Virginia, larceny/grand, fined \$155.
Robichaux Debra A., speeding, fined \$68.

Pavlovich John B., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Watzke John E., speeding, fined \$68.

Stroud Charles S., speeding, fined \$68.
Clinton Spencer D., speeding, fined \$68.

Pullens Kimberly, expired sticker, fined \$49.
Favre Thomas C., driving license suspended, fined \$390.

Mitchell James W., improper passing, fined \$68; no drivers license, not guilty.
Ladner Kendall J., driving license suspended, fined \$239.

Glyn Christian C., reckless driving, fined \$88.
Tib Danya Louana, leaving the scene, fined \$68.

Tillman Aaron L., driving license suspended, fined \$390.
Bass Timothy, controlled substance, two counts, waived preliminary hearing.

Setley Michael E., exposure/indecent, not guilty.
Setley Michael Eugene, careless driving, not guilty.

Jordan Andrea N., no drivers license, fined \$64.
Setley Michael Eugene, DUI 1st offense, fined \$483.

Hennessey Sylvia A., speeding, fined \$68.
Booth James E., speeding, fined \$108.

Odom William N., speeding, fined \$88.
McGuire Lacy, speeding, fined \$88.

Cromer Benjamin Luther III, driving on wrong side, not guilty.
Milleaps Claude B., speeding, fined \$108.

Rossingel Todd J., speeding, fined \$108.
Chavin Penny P., speeding, not guilty.

Pentimonti Sera K., speeding, fined \$68.
Twigg Jonathan W., no sticker, fined \$49.

Jenkins Destin, no drivers license, fined \$64.
Burch Kyra D., speeding, fined \$108.

Madere Michael P., driving license suspended, fined \$239.
Wilson Diana Necaise, expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Cooper Gary I. II, expired drivers license, affidavit withdrawn.
Grimes Charlotte B., speeding, fined \$68.

Lee Christopher T., expired sticker, fined \$49.
Raymond Jeffery D., expired sticker, fined \$49.

Truitt Sharyn L., expired drivers license, fined \$64.
Burge Theresa L., no tag, fined \$93.50.

Feika Michael J., speeding, fined \$108.
Brito Diane M., speeding, fined \$68.

Desalvo Deborah R., no sticker, fined \$49.
Hatten Brent A., following too close, fined \$68.

Pugh Ernest B., reckless driving, fined \$88; no tag, fined \$93.50.
Chambers Janet, larceny/grand, fined \$106.50.

Speights Dane E., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Shellnut Thomas, speeding, fined \$68.

Wilson Larry G. Jr., speeding, fined \$68.
Summers Henry T., speeding, fined \$88.

Lindsay William S., speeding, fined \$88.
Kinsworthy James E. Jr., speeding, fined \$128.

Nguyen Tham C., ran stop sign, fined \$68; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Davis Tony Marvin, speeding, fined \$68.

Ladner Berliun H., speeding, fined \$108.
Hawkins Thomas J., speeding, not guilty.

Carvin Justin L., speeding, expired drivers license, nonadjudicated.
Lewis Corwin A., expired sticker, fined \$49.

Arroyosuevz Elliot N., improper equipment, not guilty, no tag, fined \$83.50.
Yarborough David J., speeding, fined \$88.

Harmon Lee S., speeding, fined \$68.
Mayne Richard, assault/simple, not guilty.

Stroud Robin R., speeding, fined \$68; no drivers license, fined \$64.
Necaise David A., reckless driving, fined \$88.

Blake Jimmie J., expired drivers license, fined \$64.
Metzler Paul, no tag, fined \$93.50.

Reeves Dennis W., expired sticker, fined \$49.
Reichel Edward S., failed to yield right-of-way, fined \$68.

Glass James B., expired sticker, expired tag, dismissed.
Mitchell Shelly D., speeding, fined \$68; no drivers license, fined \$64.

Landry Robert J., speeding, fined \$68.
Dechamp Sandi M., speeding, fined \$68.

Daniels Cedric I., speeding, fined \$68.
Yarborough Brandy A., speeding, fined \$68.

Alsobrooks Doreen E., speeding, fined \$68.
Wilson Gordon P., speeding, fined \$68.

White Dena, speeding, fined \$68.
Williams Deborah Ann, speeding, fined \$68.

Wieser Charles J., speeding, fined \$68.
Holmes Jody R., speeding, fined \$68.

Carter Twana S., speeding, fined \$68.
Feika Michael J., speeding, fined \$68.

Koefe Melissa M., speeding, fined \$68.
Poolson Jason M., speeding, fined \$68.

Hurgott Daniel N. II, speeding, fined \$68.
Assaudo Shawn P., speeding, fined \$88.

Hillman Mary F., speeding, fined \$88.
Wade Christopher A., speeding, fined \$88.

Hunter Kimberly P., speeding, fined \$88.
Dangelo Steve M., speeding, fined \$128.

Clark Carole M., speeding, fined \$128.
Watts Russell T., failed to yield right-of-way, fined \$68.

Kleinpeter Nic, no sticker, fined \$49; driving license suspended, fined \$239.
Martin Guy H., speeding, fined \$68; driving license suspended, fined \$239.

Pham Tuan A., speeding, fined \$68; no drivers license, fined \$64.
Arrowood Andrew Brent, expired tag, fined \$93.50.

King Gladys Mae, tag violation, fined \$93.50.
Burrell Tracey Cheri, no tag, fined \$93.50.

Mortellaro Henry Anthony, no tag, fined \$93.50.
Bradford Dan Jr., driving license suspended, fined \$239.

Smith George III, driving license suspended, fined \$239.
Santiago Ruiz, no drivers license, fined \$64; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Frazier James Lee III, careless driving, fined \$68.
Horne Murtie M., speeding, fined \$68.

\$88; no drivers license, fined \$64.
Reed Donald E., littering, fined \$158.50.

Griggs Donald G., speeding, fined \$108.
Furby Glenn E., drivers license violation, fined \$64.

Cerniglia Bruce C., driving license suspended, fined \$239.
Mizell Jerome R., failed to yield blue light, fined \$68; no drivers license, fined \$64.

Walker Michael, speeding, fined \$68.
Smith Robbie Renee, speeding, fined \$143.

McFarland Joe A., careless driving, fined \$68.
Wilkinson Jennifer L., no drivers license, fined \$64; expired tag, fined \$93.50.

Shaw Cheryl M., no tag, fined \$93.50.
Bevere Craig J. Jr., driving license suspended, fined \$239.

Harris Eddie L., failed to yield right-of-way, fined \$68.
Madere John Jr., speeding, fined \$68.

Allen Jason D., speeding, fined \$68.
Hutchings Pamela H., speeding, fined \$68.

Trybulski Annie D., speeding, fined \$68.
Scott Randall C., speeding, fined \$88.

Deogracias Jason A., speeding, fined \$88.
Broussard Jeremiah P., speeding, fined \$143.

Thompson Eric L., speeding, fined \$68; no drivers license, fined \$64.
Mede Thomas L., speeding, fined \$68.

Swanier Debra A., speeding, fined \$68.
Morris Linda R., speeding, fined \$68.

Laasabe Carl D., speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Jones Otis, speeding, fined \$68; no drivers license, fined \$64.

Trybulski Kevin A., ran stop sign, fined \$68; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Fish Michael S., speeding, fined \$68; no sticker, fined \$49; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.

Ladner Ronnie, speeding, fined \$68.
Peters Susan Terry, speeding, fined \$68.

Doyle Mary, speeding, fined \$68.
Bates Kristian E., speeding, fined \$68.

Saucier Paul J., speeding, fined \$88.
Pedarre Shaun E., speeding, fined \$108.

Felder Marendra L., speeding, fined \$108.
Castelan Andrea, speeding, fined \$108.

Morris Matthew Glen, speeding, fined \$108.
Williams Vance N., speeding, fined \$108.

McGee Robert L., speeding, fined \$128.
Barrientos Hector J., no drivers license, fined \$64.

Huyser James K., no drivers license, fined \$64.
Clark Lamonde D., improper equipment, fined \$64; careless driving, fined \$68.

Boudreaux Wallace P., speeding, fined \$108; driving license suspended, fined \$239; tag violation, fined \$93.50.
Willett Cynthia M., speeding, fined \$88.

Melton Woodrow L., speeding, fined \$88.
Rainey Gary Wayne, failed to yield right-of-way, fined \$68; tint law violation, fined \$64; no drivers license, fined \$64.

Price Mark, no drivers license, fined \$64.
Fleming Joe Harold, expired drivers license, fined \$64.

Heath Timothy F., improper lane usage, fined \$68.
Electric Todd William, driving license suspended, fined \$239.

Morales Armando, no drivers license, fined \$64.
Tyson Jeff, no drivers license, fined \$64.

Cook Bret M., tag violation, fined \$93.50; expired tag, fined \$93.50.
Watson Brenda R., speeding, fined \$68.

Rhodes Katina A., speeding, fined \$68.
Ramirez Frank Jr., speeding, fined \$68.

Bourgeois Kevin A., speeding, fined \$68.
Griffin Jeannette D., speeding, fined \$68.

Underwood Tommy S., speeding, fined \$108.
Brown Lamar, no drivers license, fined \$64; improper lane usage, fined \$68.

Scott Douglas M., reckless driving, fined \$88.
Neil Dwayne A., ran stop sign, fined \$68.

Horne Patricia K., no tag, fined \$93.50.
Ford Lee D., speeding, fined \$108.

Harris Eddie, simple assault; trespassing, not guilty.
Graves Nicholas A., controlled substance; waived preliminary hearing.

Savell Charles R., careless driving, fined \$68.
Johnson Joshua, larceny/trespassing, fined \$256.50.

Ladner Mitch, fishing without license, fined \$102.
McAndrew Katherine M., speeding, fined \$88.

Brown Patricia A., DUI 1st offense, fined \$483.
Hamill Tina M., careless driving, fined \$68.

Smith Donald, speeding, fined \$88.
Robbie Tiffney, speeding, fined \$68.

Jones Wendy C., expired sticker, fined \$49.
Robinson Sandra D., expired sticker, fined \$49.

Smith John C., speeding, fined \$68.
Hudson David D., speeding, fined \$68.

Evans Glen D., speeding, fined \$108.
Hartshorn Leslie G., expired sticker, fined \$49.

Caliva Mary J., speeding, fined \$68.
Dear Jonathan E., speeding, fined \$68.

Hill Percy S., speeding, fined \$68.
Head Charles C., speeding, fined \$68.

Cipson Josh, no drivers license, fined \$64.

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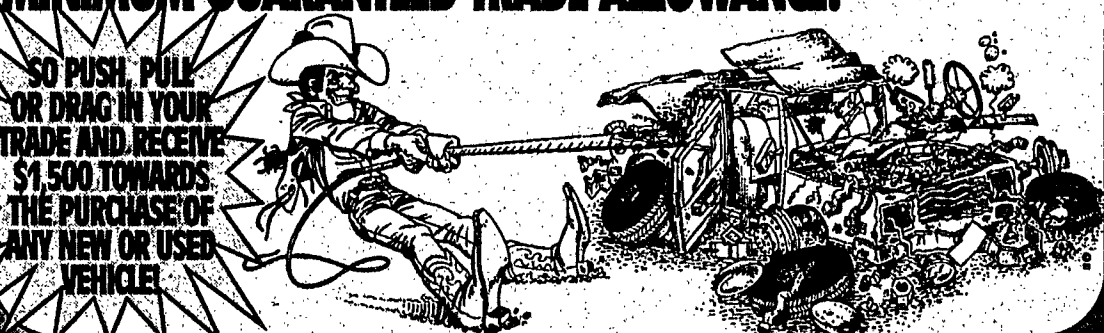
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The "WORD" for the Week

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Spring leads to summer and weather fit for travel and vacation fun. Although summer is joyful for some, it brings on the "blues" for others. Part of it is that we are led to have such high expectations. After all, this is a time of the year for relaxation and joy in special places.

But these vacations don't always materialize. We get pumped up with the thoughts of loved ones, friends and special get-togethers. When everything does not go just the way we think it should, the air goes out of our balloons. Or perhaps we don't have a close family to love and lean upon. Or maybe there are not invitations to special parties and celebrations. Your balloon isn't just deflated. You don't even have a balloon!

Look at what Jesus says, "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). And 1 John 5:4 says, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and

Holy Spirit victory

this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith." So you are "down" about the prospects for the summer. Turn to the real answer to those "blues." Seek Jesus Christ. Authentic Christianity involves "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). And "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..." (Galatians 5:22). Think about it!

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This week's clue: L equals W

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Hebrews 5:3 Copyright 1998 Charles Marx 5826

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ST. ANN-ST. JOHN NEWS

Thoughts for meditation:
That we are alive today is proof positive that God has something for us to do today.
—Lindsay

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16
All things proclaim the existence of God.

For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities — His eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen.

Romans 1:20 NIV
Children learn best from example; the trouble is, they don't know a good example from a bad one.

Train a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6
Enrich someone's life today with a word of praise. Both of you will be better for it.

Dear Father, open my eyes and help me see the good in others. I also ask your help to overlook the faults in myself that others so graciously overlook in me. Amen.

I have put my hope in Your word, I know, O Lord, that Your laws are righteous.

Psalm 119

Many thanks and appreciation to everyone who has contributed in any way to the rummage sale the parish is planning in August.

Donations of no longer wanted, outgrown and "what can I do with this?" items will be appreciated.

Those who need someone to offer help, call the parish office at 467-4746 or Lynn Lynn at 466-5227.

St. Ann-St. John Parish has lots for sale in Clermont Harbor and Waveland. Anyone interested may call the parish office at 467-4746.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available before all masses and anytime by appointment.

Wednesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 2 will be the beginning of a long and happy holiday weekend for many of us, our families and friends. Let us all promise now to do our share to make it a safe one.

Newcomers to the parish are asked to call or visit the rectory at their convenience so that they can become registered. All newcomers are invited to become part of the parish family.

It isn't the load that weighs us down, it's the way we carry it. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

II Corinthians 12:9

Camp helps women deal with pressures

What most of us see as social ills in the local evening news, these young women face daily — drugs, prostitution, teenage pregnancy, poverty, gangs, crime — just to name a few. However, a Salvation Army sponsored camp outside Lexington, Miss. is trying to help young women deal with these everyday problems and better their lives.

Starting June 24, a weekly camp experience known as "Girl Guard Camp" reaches girls in grades 6-12. The Salvation Army aims to develop these young women mentally, spiritually, physically and socially through the Girl Guard program.

In past years the camp has focused primarily on outdoor activities, arts and crafts and Bible study.

Captain Wilma Smith, Salvation Army's assistant divisional youth secretary, saw a need for more mentoring programs and was inspired to touch their lives during the week.

"I saw the dysfunctional conditions these young women are dealing with and said, 'Why can't we do something more to help them?'" said Smith. "The girls come from all walks of life, but many are from the inner city, in gangs, have parents

with alcohol or drug addictions, or are left home to raise a family."

Under the theme "It's All About You," the Girl Guard Camp includes workshops on abstinence, teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and dating. On Saturday, June 27, Pam Stenzel will deal with many of these issues in "Straight Talk for Girls."

The program also teaches girls how to make it in the career world — filling out applications, job interviews, appropriate dress, etiquette, presentation and skin care.

During the week, the young women will actually apply for jobs and interview with local merchants in Lexington. The businesses will evaluate them on how they fared and give tips on how to improve their job interview skills. A representative from Holmes County Bank will also discuss checking accounts, savings accounts and credit cards with them.

"We want to equip these women to meet the challenges of the real world but not buckle under when things get rough," said Smith. "If we can show them one thing to improve their lives and take back with them, then I think we've made a difference."

Foundation helps children

The Riemann-Loewen Foundation for Children, Dream Weavers, sponsored the 2nd annual Summer Celebration.

On June 25, about 25 children from the Harrison County Pass Road Family Shelter, along with children from Hope Haven in Bay St., Louis, were

treated to a taste of summer fun.

The children were taken to the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center where they enjoyed hours of play and exploration as well as cake, ice cream and various treats.

The activity was to help lighten the load of these children in crisis.

LSU dean's list announced

The LSU Office of Academic Affairs has announced the names of students who earned a place on the dean's list by achieving grade-point averages of 3.5 and above during the spring 1998 semester.

The following local students

were included:
Matthew Roth of Bay St. Louis, College of Agriculture; Christopher Boston of Bay St. Louis, College of Arts and Sciences; and Christopher Roth of Bay St. Louis, College of Basic Sciences.

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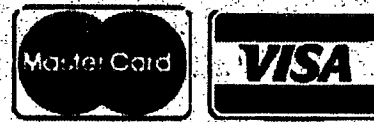


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Levy drawings bring artist's dream-like world to NOMA

The drawings of Israeli-American artist Benjamin Levy afford the viewer a fascinating glimpse into their creator's enchanting and mysterious world. This surreal domain will be offered for exploration in the New Orleans Museum of Art exhibition *Echoes in the Silence: Drawings by Benjamin Levy*, June 13-Aug. 15.

The works are beautiful: in their limber, probing line; in their elegant logic of composition; and in their rich color or stark black and white. And, they are no less strange. A cast of characters distilled from Levy's family history, life observation and vivid imagination people these dream-like pictures.

No words are spoken by the "actors" in Levy's tableaux. Instead, they communicate with each other — and with us — through a silent, symbolic language which reverberates throughout these images.

Much of Levy's narrative art is rooted in mystic family tales, remembrances and old family photographs. Indeed, his family history lends itself to inspiration. Near the beginning of this century the artist's grandfather died in Yemen.

His survivors, including Benjamin's father Ovadia, set out on the long, arduous trek across the desert to the spiritual Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Ovadia's mother and infant brother succumbed along the way, leaving the teenage lad and younger sister to enter Jaffa alone.

Hardship continued to visit Ovadia Levy as an adult, as his wife and their twin children died. But he remarried at the age of 40 to Batsheva, a 14-year-old orphan, and they raised 11 children including Benjamin. To shelter his family, Ovadia built one of the first homes in Tel Aviv, near the beach in what would become the Yeminite quarter. He supported his brood as a peddler of nuts, seeds and candy, as well as birds and fish (which appear frequently in Benjamin's art, as do many other creatures).

Benjamin's creative talent was noted during childhood and was nurtured by sympathetic, supportive teachers. As a young man, Levy was employed for a time as a photo engraver in Haifa, and he later worked while studying art in Paris.

Back in Tel Aviv, Benjamin set up a studio at his parents'

home and married Hanna Vroman. In 1965 the couple abandoned their comfortable life in their homeland for New York City, where Benjamin has since garnered great acclaim and success.

Levy's art, however, is not concerned solely with kin. The artist has long visited favorite themes through the use of imaginary characters or "types" drawn from personal observation. A recurrent topic in Levy's art is the nature of communication, especially between the sexes; the failure of communication, or isolation; and the psyche and nature of dreams.

Levy's drawings have always been an essential part of his creative output, equally important to him as his endeavors in other mediums.

Most of the 60 images included in *Echoes in the Silence* were retained by the artist from his output of the past 15 years for his own enjoyment; here the viewer will see "Levy's Levys."

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed Mondays and legal holidays. Admission prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 65 and over, and \$3 for children

ages 3-17.

Free admission for Louisiana residents is offered courtesy of Whitney National Bank every Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon. This program may be suspended during special exhibitions.

The New Orleans Museum of Art facility is fully accessible to the handicapped. Wheelchairs are available upon request at the front desk. The museum will make other special accommodations with a three-day notice.

The museum's permanent collection is noted for its extraordinary strengths in French and American art, photography, glass, African and Japanese works. The collection also includes pre-Columbian, Native American and Asian art.

Also available to visitors are light meals and snacks in the Courtyard Cafe, open 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Museum Shop offers a great selection of gift items, books, jewelry, and other collectibles.

For information, call the museum at (504) 488-2631 or TTY/Voice (504) 482-1406. Information is also available by calling FYI(394)-1515, menu 6662, and on NOMA's web site at www.noma.org.

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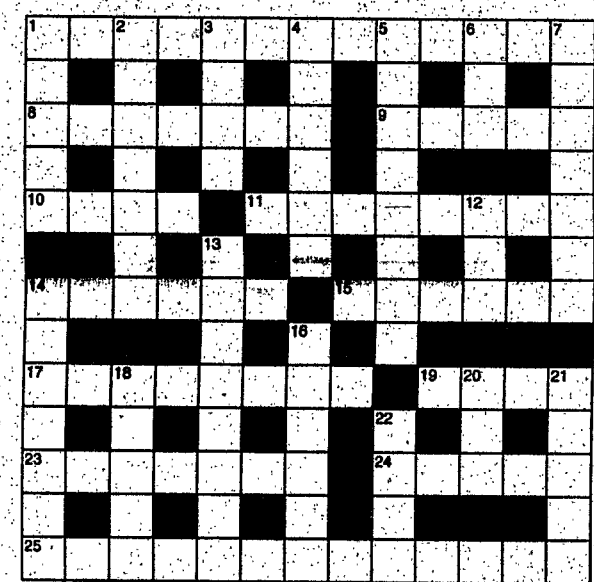
promotion. Over \$150,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded in show-downs nationwide. A grand prize of \$50,000 will be awarded at the televised national final. The "True Value/Jimmy

Dean Country Showdown" is designed to find the most promising country music talent in America, giving these performers a chance to launch their professional careers. Over 100,000 aspiring artists compete annually for the showdown crown.

The road to stardom begins each spring with hometown talent contests sponsored by over 400 radio stations across the country. Local winners advance to one of more than 40 state contests where the prizes include \$1,000 in cash and the opportunity to compete at one of six regional showdowns in the fall. Winners at the regional level are flown expense paid to the national final.

The showdown is open to vocal and/or instrumental performers, individuals or groups with up to seven members, who have not performed on a record listed in the national record charts of *Billboard*, *Radio and Records* or the *Gavin Report* within 18 months preceding local competition by performing at showdowns produced by participating country music radio stations.

A uniform judging system on all levels of the competition ensures fairness. Entry forms are available at participating True Value Hardware stores and Jimmy Dean outlets, or by calling WRJW at 798-4835, or out-of-town, call 800-284-5036.



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1. Don or Phil
8. Wind instrument
9. Russian sourgrass soup
10. Abba — Israeli politician
11. Inhabiting
14. Goes for
15. Decorated
17. Large estate
19. — Blyton, children's author
23. Departure
24. City in Illinois
25. Maxene, LaVigne or Patty

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Every brother
8. Ocarina
9. Schav
10. Eban
11. Boarding
14. Elects
15. Beaded
17. Hacienda
19. Enid
23. Decease
24. Elgin
25. Andrews sister

CLUES DOWN

1. Behave
2. Give off
3. Habitation
4. Marker
5. Noted
6. Expresses surprise
7. Devastated
12. Birth control means
13. Accommodation
14. Monotreme
16. Farewells
18. Gymnosperm
20. Gadfly
21. Monetary unit
22. Bolivian river

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Emote
2. Emanate
3. Lair
4. Beacon
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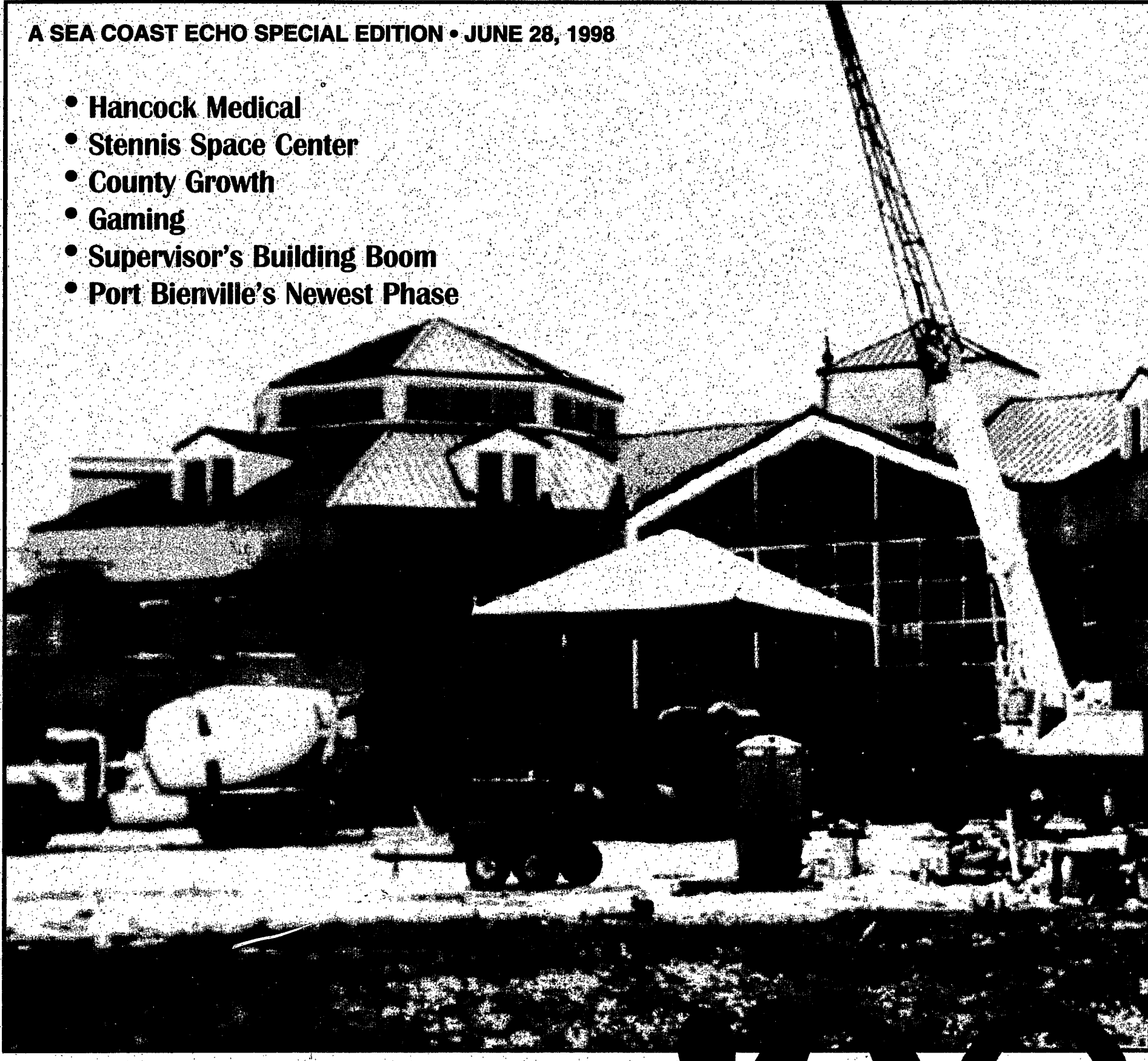
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Pavilion opening to culminate years of planning, construction

A first-hand look at Hancock Medical Center's new women's and children's pavilion will soon be offered to the public when the wing opens in late summer, according to Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE.

A recent major utility upgrade connected electrical and mechanical services to the 49,000-sq.-ft. pavilion, paving the way for the final phase of construction.

According to Leftwich, the expansion will provide more patients with the option of private rooms. Four labor/delivery/recovery suites will enhance the current maternity options, which include rooming-in capability for mothers and infants. A 10-bassinet nursery is near the postpartum rooms.

A lobby facing Green Meadow Road is adjacent to a new father's waiting room.

The second floor five-bed pediatric unit and play room were designed to make a hospital experience less intimidating for young patients.

The intensive care unit will relocate to the west side of the pavilion's bottom floor. As part of the nursing unit expansion, four additional ICU beds will be added for a total of 10. Three progressive care beds will complete the unit. Circular design of the unit's nursing stations affords visualization of all beds and convenient access by the nursing staff, said Leftwich. An ICU family waiting room opens off the new lobby.

Sixteen pocket-sized portable cardiac telemetry units will enable the ICU staff to monitor patients on the medical/surgical wings.

The medical center received state approval earlier this year for the addition of 38 inpatient beds, for a total of 104. These beds will occupy the second floor of the expansion.

The project also includes the enlargement and renovation of the surgery unit, to accommodate the increasing number of outpatient cases. Also inside the existing facility, work is nearing completion of a new outpatient surgery area and medical staff conference room.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) mobile services are available three days a week. The medical center is evaluating the possibility of adding a permanent, on-site unit. Other diagnostic capabilities include nuclear medicine, helical CT scans, mammography and digital angiography testing.

An increasing number of laparoscopy

surgery classes include acid reflux, gall bladder, arthroscopy and many gynecological applications.

The number of outpatient procedures continues to climb, said Leftwich, including cataract surgery, colonoscopy, gastroscopy, breast biopsy and tonsillectomy. A new CO2 laser has cosmetic applications, including facial resurfacing. Lithotripsy is also available.

Rehabilitation services are provided on-site by Rehab One, whose staff includes physical therapists, occupational and speech therapists.

Outreach Clinics

The Hancock Family Care Center in north Hancock County and the Hancock Multispecialty Clinic in Diamondhead have made medical care more accessible for those residents.

In addition, the hospital has agreed to provide clinical services to Bay High and Hancock High School to assist them in maintaining the health of students. The venture is in cooperation with Memorial Hospital in Gulfport.

Free infant immunizations are administered monthly by the HMC nursing staff. Ongoing prenatal, childbirth and sibling classes are offered, as are a variety of community education classes.

Medical Staff

The active medical staff has grown to 42 physicians, with a hospital-based staff of 25 in emergency medicine, anesthesiology and radiology. A consulting staff of more than 40 represents additional specialties, including gastroenterology, nephrology and others.

Occupational Medicine

Hancock Medical Center's new occupational medicine network was formed in response to needs identified by a growing number of local industries and employers. A coordinator facilitates communication between the employer and various hospital departments, and identified opportunities for wellness education and health screenings.

"Our continued growth as a health care provider has been made possible by increasing community support," said Leftwich.

"Our board of trustees, medical staff and employees share a vision of excellence for Hancock Medical Center. We are committed to continuously improving our services and diversifying and upgrading equipment to provide the best possible health care for our residents."

Hancock Medical Center

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Growth primary catalyst for county's actions

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Hancock County has been about the business of growing. Industries like Wellman, GE Plastics, Calgon Carbon and Halter Marine have increased their financial investments, expanded their plants and added new jobs. Technology is not just being transferred here, it is being created with accomplishments and innovations at the Stennis Space Center, the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, The Naval Research Lab and the Space Remote Sensing Center. Quality of life is becoming more and more a leading commodity as families and companies look at the ease of accessing major medical, transportation, educational, entertainment, cultural and recreational facilities a major consideration for relocation. Hancock County, appears to be perfectly positioned to take the fullest of advantage of that growth may bring.

It costs \$12,000 more today to buy a home in Hancock County than it did last year, according to the Mississippi Multi Listing Inc.

Building permits for the cities of Waveland rose by eight from 141 in 1997 to 149 in 1998. Bay St. Louis issued 156 permits from January 1 through June 30, 1997 and has already issued 176 permits and anticipates closing out the six-month period with 184 to 185 permits issued. The cost of new construction is averaging \$58 per square foot.

Rick Stewart, District Manager, South Central Bell said that new service in 1997 increase 1.8 percent for the year in Hancock County. "Already this year, we have exceeded that percentage of growth," he said. "New service from January through May 30,

1998 has increased 2.8 percent over all of last year."

Expenditures per student in both the county and city schools is better than nearly 50 percent of other schools and school districts in the state. The Hancock County and Bay-Waveland school districts enroll over 6,000 students with an average student-teacher ratio of 17.43 and 16.11 respectively. Hancock County School District staffs three elementary school, one junior high, and one high school campuses. Bay-Waveland School District maintains two elementary, one middle, one junior high and one high school campuses. Both districts are deeply involved in major capital improvement projects which will result in a new elementary and middle school as well as extensive renovations and expansion of existing facilities.

Vocational and workforce training facilities are well supported by the county, the county school district as well Mississippi Gulf Coast and Pearl River community colleges, the University of Southern Mississippi and the Center of High Learning located at the Stennis Space Center. The new training/educational center located at Port Bienville will serve a growing need among industries for classroom facilities and instructional support.

"Growth has been the number one catalyst for most of the Chamber's activities this year," said Cindy Vernon, former executive director of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. "From the Chamber's support of the school bond program, to its development of a strategic plan for

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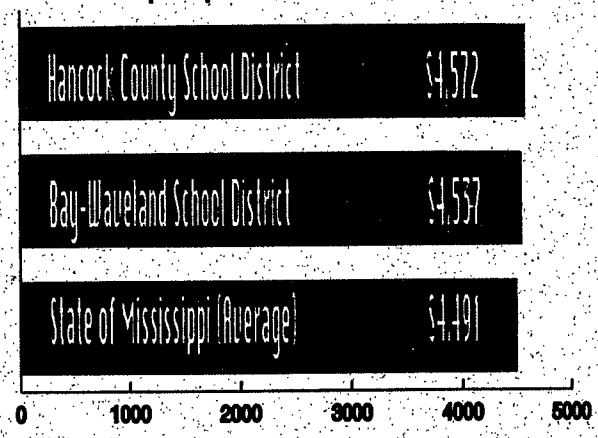
establishment of sewerage south of I-10, the formation of Partner for Stennis, the seminars, marketing workshops and trade shows, to our Business After Hours program and the Hancock County Leadership Program, we have been busy making sure our communities are prepared for growth."

And yet, for all of the forward thinking and preparing for the future, there is a large part of Hancock County that will spend much of this year looking back. Hancock County Historical Society will lead

Tercentennial Celebrations, August 25 through 29, 1999. Three hundred years ago, Jean Baptiste Lamoyne, Sieur de Bienville stepped ashore to claim this, the highest point along the Gulf Coast, for France.

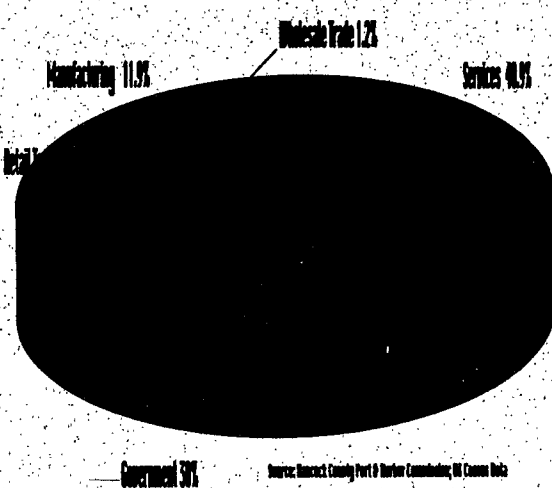
Highlighting the four-day event will be the unveiling of a bronze statue honoring the explorer and his legacy. The statue is to be the centerpiece of the Rebecca Seal Memorial Park located on Beach Boulevard and will be officially presented to the public on the Feast Day of Bienville, August 25, 1999.

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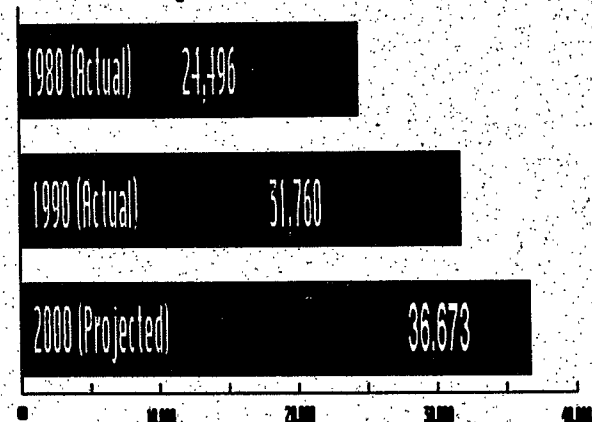
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City undertakes major utility improvements

BY MARY G. SEILEY

You're likely to come to more than one bump in the road going through Bay St. Louis these days. They're the bumps for new drainage pipes. Others are sewer lines under reconstruction. Here a water line, there a gas line, going in or getting upgraded.

All over town, taken-for-granted utilities are getting major capital improvement attention from city workers and contractors, from Cedar Point to Spanish Acres. It's the main thing going on in town, and the work is likely to be in progress for quite a while.

With over \$10 million in general obligation bond and revenue bond financing, the city is amid a massive upgrade of all of its utility and service systems such as roadways. It's a program designed for total completion in the first decade of the next millennium.

As it stands, however, the first leg of the drainage upgrade program is nearing completion, impacting the Spanish Acres subdivision and adjoining territories from Highway 90 to South Beach Boulevard. The second and third phases of the project, stretching throughout the city, should be well under construction by the end of this calendar year, officials expect.

Meanwhile, the city has been working to upgrade and expand its sewer system, to bring the entire corporate limits under a public system, eliminating septic tank usage in the city. While new lines are being installed in isolated areas of the city, a lot of work has been in progress to examine the older, existing system and upgrade it.

Broken and deteriorated lines have been identified through smoke testing, and city leaders have put up almost \$60,000 to pay for television monitoring of every inch of existing line to find weak spots.

While minor repairs have been launched based on those findings, more serious defects will be addressed in a package of repairs the city expects to have out on bids this summer.

On-going upgrades to the city's gas system have had stunning ramifications. "The existing system is in great shape, fabulous," says Mayor Eddie Favre, bolstered by a new inspection report from the state Public Service Commission. "We have now a virtually air tight system."

It wasn't always thus. Only a few years ago, gas line leaks and faulty gas meters were at blame for a 26 to 28 percent loss of gas in the system, officials say. The tab for the loss was well over \$100,000 annually.

Future attention to the system will focus on extending service to several areas now without gas service, officials say, including the Cedar Point and Spanish Acres areas of the town.

The water system is not left out of the upgrade picture. Working in tandem, the Public Works and Fire departments have identified areas where water service and fire hydrant protection may be inadequate, says Favre.



Crossing Central

Crews with Colom Construction Company are working at Central Avenue near the Alcan Cable plant as part of a \$5.5 million project to improve drainage in several areas of Bay St. Louis. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Workers have added eight or nine additional fire hydrants and some additional water lines, to eliminate concerns about potentially inadequate water capacity, says the mayor.

Also, all 430 fire hydrants are being painted fire-engine red to help officials locate them easily. Water main valves hidden under the street have been tagged with bright blue markings in the streets, to speed up officials' ability to find them in an emergency.

And planning is in progress for a new city water well, to augment local capacity. Favre said the new well is desired primarily to cope with growth that's anticipated in the city.

"That's the major thing," says Mayor Eddie Favre, when he talks about the capital improvements part of local progress.

But there's more going on behind the scene that you can't wrap an orange

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construction cone around. All 110 city workers are amid mandatory classroom training to upgrade their skills in dealing with the public and handling the day-to-day affairs of the town.

A nine-week curriculum sponsored through Pearl River Community College is in progress at the renovated City Depot, where employees are delving into such subjects as crisis management, cultural diversity and customer relations.

The city sought the programming, says Favre, to improve the quality of service that the city renders to the public.

A new emphasis on training also is evident in the city's Fire Department, which is under the leadership of a new chief, Robert Gavagnie.

The department has hired a full-time training officer and has added one full-time firefighter to each of the three shifts of workers. And, the department has instituted what Favre calls a "full-fledged fire prevention program," which reaches out to area businesses, schools and residents. A new fire truck is under construction, and the department has increased its usage of part-time fire fighters on a regular basis to augment the regular staff's efforts.

All of those efforts, said the mayor, are aimed at lowering the city's fire insurance rating.

In the police department, there are changes as well.

Chief Frank McNeil has instituted a shift away from traditional policing to a community-based effort in which officers "actually become a part of the community," says Favre.

Police officers are trying to become more familiar with the faces and names of business owners and residents. Favre said the result will be a "tremendous amount of visibility" in the community and, hopefully, a lower incidence of crime.

The police Department also has added an Internal Affairs Division on recent months.

Other reorganization in the municipality has left the city with a new Recreation Division, replacing the former Parks and Playgrounds Department.

Under a new leader, Gus McKay, the Recreation Division is assessing the condition of all city recreation facilities, and formulating plans for improvements.

Those ideas include surfacing the city's new ballfields with grass, instead of maintaining dirt ballfields. The work should lessen maintenance costs, says McKay, and open new avenues for landscaping and beautification.

The city has sponsored increasingly popular programs for citizens in recent months. Favre said participation in girls' softball doubled this season, with significant enrollment boosts in football, baseball and soccer as well.

On the tourism front, the city continues to support efforts of the Hancock County Tourism Bureau and the Downtown Merchants Association.

"We've seen a pretty good increase in tourism," the mayor said. Shop availability in the downtown area is "now basically at capacity," said Favre, and the recent restoration of the depot has had striking spinoff in that area.

A deteriorated strip of commercial sites on cross the street from the depot has sprung back to life. Restored commercial slots on Railroad Avenue now bustle with business.

Restoration of historic homes throughout the city's old town area has been dramatic over the past couple of years, even as a panel of citizens works to draft a proposed historic preservation ordinance.

Citizens have snapped up abandoned, highly deteriorated residences and completely restored the dwellings. "There's been a tremendous effort on the part of some folks to take abandoned businesses and houses, little cottages in bad shape and completely renovate them instead of tearing them down," said Favre.

Within weeks, the citizens' panel is expected to come forth with a proposed set of regulations covering the historic areas of the city, governing demolitions and restorations and new construction in certain areas.

Those regulations will be part of an "overlay" district the city hopes to create in a new zoning ordinance. As the first step, however, city leaders have blown the dust off of a proposed Comprehensive Plan for future development of the city, and meetings are in progress to adopt the overall plan.

Once that's done, the city will be poised to revamp what many say is an inadequate zoning ordinance, and add such features as a historic preservation system.

Two long-awaited improvements to the city's landscape are expected to be completed in the next several months, including total reconstruction of the city's Ulman Street pier, and construction of an elaborate pedestrian walkway and bike pathway through the city.

Construction of the pier is in progress, with almost \$1 million in state funding. The federal-state-county-city pathway system is almost at the bidding stage, said Favre.

Less tangible change also is in the cards for the city, says Favre, including a new concentration on coordination among city staffers. For instance, all city departments are working to improve communications with each other in such areas as special events. Favre said a Special Events Team is put to work for every activity that hits town, to ensure that the events run smoothly.

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New addition

Waveland recently completed a 200 foot expansion to the city's Garfield Ladner Pier. Future plans include construction of covered pagodas and barbeque grills.

Waveland focuses on keeping pace with area growth

BY BETSY GAGNET

In Waveland, city officials are working hard to accommodate a growing population and still maintain the quality of life that continues to draw people to the city.

With new businesses on Highway 90, new subdivisions, and construction all around, Waveland is definitely experiencing a growth spurt.

Mayor John Mason reported a growing number of permits for both residential and commercial construction, and a growing number of residents.

"It used to be the population would just about double during the summer," said Mason. "Now we have just as many full-time residents."

Keeping up with the growth has been a major focus of city officials. Ongoing drainage, street and sewer projects paid for with proceeds from a \$1.25 million bond issue, as well as grant proceeds, are part of infrastructure improvements designed to benefit current residents and attract future ones.

"There is unprecedented growth, but instead of chasing it, we want to get out in front of it," said Ward 1 Alderman Tommy Longo. "Our goal has been to complete sewerage and water so we can continue building, and enable more people to move to the city. We have more land available than can be built on than anyone."

Longo said another priority has been to enhance the quality of life with community projects like the construction of the city's fishing pier, and upgrading the city's parks.

The city continues to attract large numbers of visitors to the Garfield Ladner Municipal fishing pier. Construction of a 200-foot extension to the pier was recently completed, and future plans call for covered pagodas with barbeque grills to be located near the entrance.

Tidelands funds paid for the project which will total approximately \$600,000 when completed.

An application for \$1.2 million in future Tidelands funding has been submitted for construction of a marina on the Coleman Avenue side of the pier. Plans call for the marina to accommodate recreational boats and sail boats,

said Mason.

The city is moving forward, not only in development, but in services afforded its residents.

"Even though we're moving forward and even though we're growing, we're still a small community and still one of the safest cities on the Coast," said Ward 4 Alderman Al Kingston.

The city boasts one of the lowest crime rates of any city along the Gulf Coast. Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell was even contacted by the FBI statistical unit for information on how the city achieved a 40 percent drop in burglaries.

In 1997, the Waveland Fire Department received a five rating, making it one of only 23 fire services in the state with a rating of five or better. Fire Chief David Garcia was recently elected President of the Mississippi Association of Fire Chiefs.

Although the size of the city may be changing, the character is still that of a small town.

The number of community projects continues to grow, ranging from the art project which created the mosaic tile mural on the front of city hall to a city-sponsored health fair organized by Longo.

The Waveland Civic Association Kids Fishing Rodeo attracted more than 300 children in 1997, and more participants are expected this year. The Civic Association, which sponsors the St. Patrick's Day Parade, held its first Christmas parade in 1997, complementing the city's annual "Festival of Lights" celebration.

However, it is ultimately the friendliness of residents which remains an initial attraction for people looking at the city, said Mason.

"Then they investigate and see such things as the low crime rate and the growth," he said.

The sense of community is something residents hold dear and city leaders work hard to protect.

"I've raised a family here, and I know a lot of other people who have raised their families here," said Ward 3 Alderman Louis Smolensky. "As much as the city is growing, everybody still knows everybody. I still ride around every Sunday in my ward, and I still love it."

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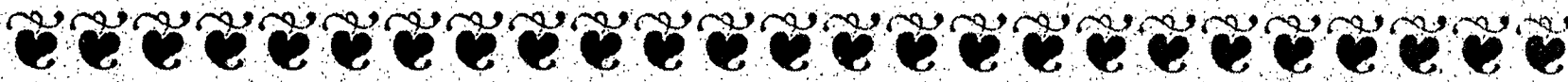
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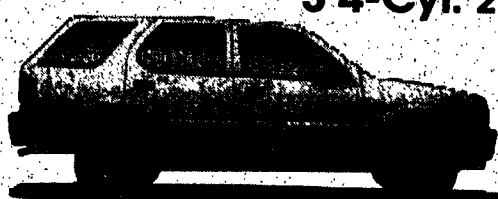
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Wellman headlines Port Bienville's newest growth phase

BY ED LEPOMA

While the giant Wellman manufacturing plant is the most visible sign of progress at Hancock County's Port Bienville Industrial Park, infrastructure improvements and plant expansions are taking place at a record pace.

Port and Harbor Commission Executive Director Hal Walters points out a little over \$13 million of a \$40 million incentive bonds put up by the state is being spent making improvements to railroad tracks, and effluent discharge lines, building a wastewater treatment plant, an employee training center and

a new south entrance to the industrial park.

The roadway leading south for two and a half miles into the industrial park was constructed at a cost of about \$1.6 million, according to Walters. The road ties into existing roads leading to the Calgon and General Electric Plant. Walters said plans also call for constructing a permanent guard house.

Another \$1.1 million was spent to build and furnish a state-of-the-art Employee Training Center near the en-

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Stennis International sees growth potential

BY ED LEPOMA

The little airport that could is going to become the airport that will when major improvements already underway combine with a new marketing campaign bears fruit.

The positive thinking about the future of Hancock County's Stennis International Airport comes from Bill Stovall, Deputy Director of the Port and Harbor Commission, and the man who has been touting the airport's possibilities to anyone within an earshot.

The latest boost to Stovall's morale came just last week when Sen. Trent Lott announced that the Federal Aviation Commission has awarded Stennis \$103,500 to create a master development plan for the county's airport, situated conveniently off state Hwy. 603 and just north of the Kiln exit of Interstate 10.

The major study is expected to get underway within 30 days, and the total cost of the project is \$115,000, with the P&H to pay the balance.

Stovall said he feels the study will be "the beginning of a great adventure for Stennis Airport and Hancock County."

He said the master plan will evaluate the aviation demand and facilities needed to support the airport through the year 2017, which will trigger additional FAA grants.

The main focus of the master plan will hopefully point out the need for an Instrument Landing System (ILS) and associated lighting system. "Our goal is cargo and with an ILS, Stennis Airport will become an enhanced competitor in the upturn cargo market," Stovall said.

"In fact, Sen. Lott and the FAA forecast the funding of the \$2.5 million ILS, lighting and taxiway extension in next year's FAA appropriations bill," said Stovall.

He revealed that negotiations are now underway with an expansion aviation consulting firm to develop the master plan and an economic impact study.

Even before the master plan grant was announced, Stennis drew the attention of a special report aired last May by New Orleans WWL-TV station.

In that report, the Commission that oversees the New Orleans Moisant International Airport was warned that

airports, like Stennis, which are making major improvements could soon become a threat to cargo and other operations now based at the Kenner airport.

Stovall confirmed the P&H was now soliciting statements of qualification from aviation marketing firms to assist in the cargo site selection.

"In fact, I spent two days last week showcasing the airport to a major cargo carrier," Stovall revealed.

A number of improvements already in place and a number of projects just beginning or planned is putting Stennis Airport in a very positive and competitive position, Stovall said.

"Paving contractors are moving on site to begin overlaying and rehabilitating all three taxiways at a cost of \$1.3 million, paid from a FAA grant. We are overlaying and strengthening all taxiways and general aviation ramps," said Stovall.

Also included in the grant is installation of runway end identifier lights (REILS). These lights were paid for and will be maintained for by the FAA.

Nearing completion is an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) and Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI), installed at a cost of \$150,000 and paid for by a state Department of Transportation Grant.

EPA compliance also requires the upgrading of the airport's fueling system. Two 12,000-gallon, above ground storage tanks for jet fuel and aviation fuel will be installed in August at a cost of \$170,000.

Twelve new T-hangers are also under construction at Stennis, at a cost of \$400,000 and eight have already been rented. "The new hangers will allow for storage of single and small twin-engine planes," he said. The project was financed with a low-interest loan from the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

In November, United Aircraft became the new fixed base operator at Stennis, and took up residence at the airport's terminal building. Improvements to the terminal included complete remodeling of the building to include and executive conference room, pilot briefing room, flight planning and weather briefing area and refurbished restrooms.

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New training center

The recently completed Hancock County Training Center at Port Bienville Industrial Park is now being used by Wellman to train personnel for the company's new county industry. Wellman has priority useage of the building for the next 10 months, and after that the 9,000 sq. ft. training center can be used by any Hancock County industry on a first-come, first-served basis, reports Hal Walters, executive director of the Port & Harbor. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

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trance to the park. Walters said, when it officially opens next month, it will be used primarily the first year to train workers operating the new Wellman plant.

The Port and Harbor Commssion owns the building, and Walters said it will later be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A \$7 million process wastewater treatment plant is nearly half finished, and is being constructed mainly to handle the Wellman Plant, but Walters said anothe \$100,000 is being spent to enlarge and extend the effluent discharge lines to tie the GE plant into the system.

Outside the Wellman fence, the Port and Harbor has added a 3,800-foot lead in rail line to the plant. Another half-a-mile of new track has been added to the one-quarter mile CSX-Port Bienville interchange track. Major impact funds were used for the rail improvements.

Walters said another \$2.5 million is being spent to build a new liquid barge terminal on the canal behind ManuFab.

The P&H is leasing half of that operation to Wellman to bring in raw material to be used in the manufacturing process. A pipeline is already in place to transport this material to the Wellman plant.

The P&H also plans to spend \$500,000 to construct a new fire station and hazardous materials center that will be owned and operated by the Port, according to Walters. The P&H will spend another \$130,000 to reconfigure the main entrance into Port Bienville in order to get the large tractor trailers off Lower Bay Road, he said.

PolyChemie also plans to expand on a 15-acre site it recently purchased next to its present 20-acre site. The firm manufacturers liquid polymer used in water treatment plants and will employ about 22 persons on site.

Hancock Industries is doubling the size of its plant from 10,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet, and that expansion is well underway, Walters said. The expansion was made possible with a \$150,000 low-interest state loan guaranteed by the Board of Supervisors.

Another large expansion is nearing completion as GE Plastics doubles capacity of its plant at Port Bienville. A total \$70 million is being spent on the expansion, with start-up scheduled for August.

The plant will double its current output of Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) to 230 million pounds per year. GE's work force has grown from 70 to 105, with another 35 expected to be added as production gets underway.

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Wellman construction

The state-of-the-art \$400-million Wellman, Inc. plastics manufacturing plant at Port Bienville is nearing completion. The first line is expected to be up by October, 1998. The facility when completed in mid-1999, will be the largest of its kind in the world and will produce high-quality PET resin, plastic containers used for soft drinks and a host of other products on grocery shelves. The Wellman project manager is C.O. (Pete) Woody. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Wellman plastics comes alive in October at Port

BY ED LEPOMA

The giant Wellman plastics manufacturing plant comes to life this October, but it's construction has pumped new blood into Hancock County and the surrounding area.

The 480-acre site at the Port Bienville Industrial Park is a beehive of activity with approximately 1,200 construction workers on site, along with Wellman officials, and a work force already in training.

Wellman, which manufactures PET resin for the production of soft drink bottles and other food and beverage containers, represents an initial investment that now totals over \$400 million and is the largest single plant construction underway in Mississippi.

Plant construction has sent ripples through the economy, with survey and engineering firms benefitting, as well as lumber yards and small businessmen.

The plant takes up 373,000-square feet on 45 acres in the northeast corner of the tract, but an administration building, production and utility areas and a warehouse will cover 250 acres.

Pete Woody, manager of Wellman's Pearl River Plant, reports the plant is coming in "on budget and on schedule." He said the company already has hired about 120 workers who are presently undergoing training.

The staff is being trained in a new 9,000-square-foot training center which Wellman and the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission had constructed and helped equip just inside the entrance to Port Bienville at a cost of \$1.1 million.

Wellman gets first choice to the center, but after the first year, it will be turned over to the P&H Commission for use by other tenants of the industrial park, primarily for employee training. And, it may be used for high school or adult education classes and for college

courses offered by nearby Pearl River Community College.

Initially, the plant will have an annual production capacity of 250 million pounds of PET resin. That will increase to 525 million pounds when a second line comes into production in early 1999. A third line that will produce Wellman's copyrighted Fortrel fiber used in clothing and home furnishings will also crank up in mid-1999, producing an estimated 230 million pounds of fiber.

Even before the start-up, Wellman's President and CEO Tom Duff revealed that the company is looking seriously into further expansion. Duff said the staff is studying technologies that will allow the Pearl River plant to manufacture its own purified terephthalic acid (PTA) on site.

And after touring the plant last May, Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice predicted that Wellman's presence will attract an undefined number of support facilities to the industrial park. "I think we'll see more plastics industries coming to Mississippi," Fordice predicted.

When Wellman's Pearl River plant goes on line, the company will have one of the largest polyester polymerization capacities in North America. Last year, in its annual report, Wellman reported fiber sales increased 11 percent to 1.1 billion pounds and its PET resin sales increased 26 percent to 577 million pounds.

Listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WLM, Wellman reported sales of \$1.1 billion last year and employs 3,100 people worldwide.

Wellman's corporate Headquarters are in Shrewsbury, New Jersey, with additional plants in South Carolina and the Netherlands, and recycling activities in Ireland, France, Germany and Bridgeport, N.J.

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Ammo plant utilization to 45 percent, growing

BY ED LEPOMA

The Army Ammunition Plant at Stennis Space Center is showing signs of new life, according to Wayne Gouguet of Mason Technologies, which is marketing the site.

"Approximatley 475 people are now employed at various businesses on site," said Gouguet, "and approximatley 45 percent of the 647,000 square feet is being utilized."

One of the newest tenants is the Navy's Southeastern Human Resources Civilian Personnel Center, and director Carole Martinez is already aboard with 25 other civilian personnel.

Martinez said by October 1, the number on site will increase to 109, then ultimately could top out at over 200.

The Navy is occupying 42,000 square feet of one building, and adding another 5,000 square feet to accommodate an employee cafeteria, said Martinez.

Most of the personnel are being transferred from a seven-state area as the Navy moves to consolidate its operations, but Martinez said ultimately the total payroll of the workforce will be around \$8 million. Another \$3 million authorized by Congress will be spent on refurbishing the building, and on the expansion.

The service center will serve as headquarters for the control of Navy civilian personnel from Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

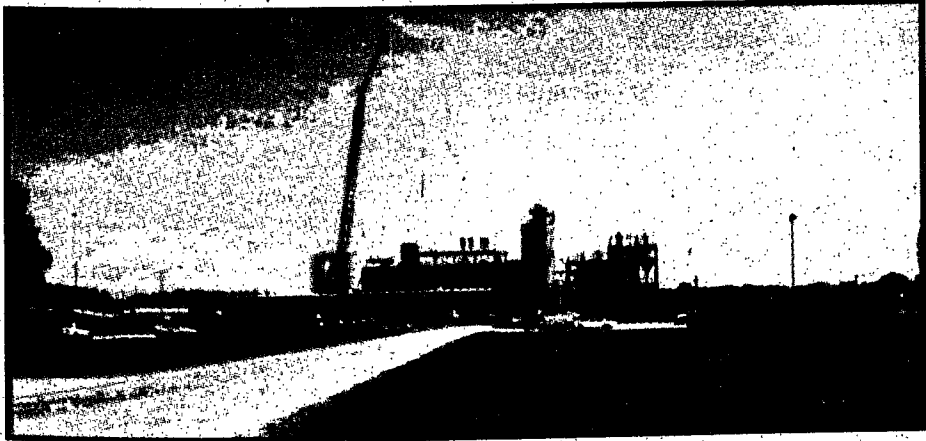
A unit of Navy SEALs transferred to offices at the Ammo Plant last May, and consists of 85 active duty personnel and 108 Navy reserve personnel. Ground-breaking for the permanent facility to house Special Boat Unit 22 is expected in the fall, with almost \$10 million in Congressional funds set aside for the administration/storage facility at Stennis. Construction crews are also clearing a waterfront site the SEALs will occupy at the NASA Space Center.

Accurate Machinery has also leased 70,000 square feet of one building that makes up the giant Ammo Plant complex. The firm employs approximately 20 people and produces precision parts and hi-tech assembly systems for various industries.

Searex Manufacturing, a company that welds crane components for the offshore industry and manufactures hydraulic power supply systems is also making improvements to a 10,000 square-foot building that is part of the ammo plant complex. Operations manager Eric Morris said the firm currently employs 20 people and is expected to hire 10 more.

Entech, another welder of oilfield components, will locate in 20,000 square feet in another building by, and is expected to employ 25 people when operations begin in July of 1998.

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GE Plastics expansion

The expansion of GE Plastics is well underway to increase the ABS resin capacity of its Port Bienville plant's production by 230 million pounds per year. The GE Plastics Cycloc expansion will bring the industry's employment to about 140. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

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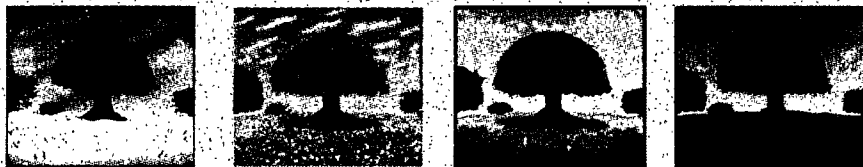


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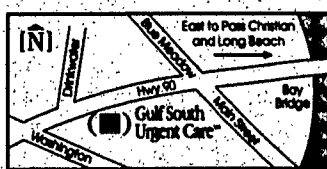


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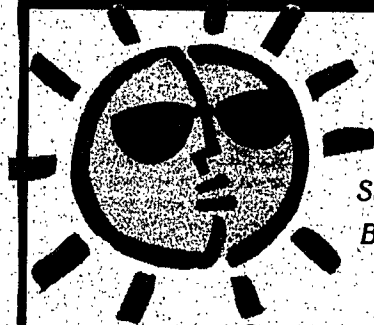


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NASA still tests engines at Stennis, but does a lot more

Hancock County residents can attest to NASA's history of testing rocket engines and booster stages at Stennis Space Center. They have heard and felt the thunder of powerful rocket propulsion systems coming from the center's test stands since the mid-1960s. Moreover, it is to this end that most people in the community associate the center — as the "test site."

However, testing rocket engines is just one-third of NASA's mission at the South Mississippi center. NASA has established "three lines of business" at Stennis: rocket propulsion testing, commercial remote sensing, and Earth sciences.

Rocket Propulsion Testing

In May 1996, NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. named Stennis Space Center its lead center for rocket propulsion testing. That bold, new challenge gave Stennis the responsibility for managing and directing all of the space agency's rocket test facilities in the United States.

In addition to test programs physically located at Stennis, the center now directs testing at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., the White Sands Test Facility in Las Cruces, N.M., and Lewis Research Center's Plum Brook facility near Sandusky, Ohio.

Stennis will continue to be NASA's primary center for testing all main engines that power the Space Shuttle during its 8½-minute flight to orbit. Several new programs are on tap to test propulsion systems for the nation's next generation of launch vehicles.

Commercial Remote Sensing

Stennis is also NASA's lead center for commercial remote sensing within the Earth Science enterprise.

Remote sensing is the method of gathering information of an area of the Earth by using a device that is not in direct physical contact with that area.

One example is how satellites take pictures of certain places on the Earth's surface. The satellites transmit the pictures, or images, to computers where scientists can analyze them for specific purposes.

Through partnerships with commercial businesses and industries, the Stennis Commercial Remote Sensing Program is working to increase market demands for remote sensing products and related technologies.

Earth Systems Science Office

The Earth Systems Science Office at Stennis Space Center uses remote sensing technology to conduct research in environmental sciences. The goal of the Earth Systems Science Office is to gain a better understanding of the biological, chemical and physical processes that are crucial to the life of Earth's ecosystems.

Scientists conduct research to answer such questions as: How can NASA remote sensing technology help disaster assessment teams work more efficiently? What is the best method for detecting unhealthy plants and trees before damage can be seen by the human eye?

Scientists with the Earth Systems Science Office use scanners, radars and lasers to conduct research that touches many areas of life — the economy, the environment, history and science.

In the early 1960s, NASA chose South Mississippi as the location for its rocket test facility for the Apollo Lunar Landing Program.

Today, the center continues to test the propulsion systems that send people and satellites into space, but its work doesn't end there. The scientists at Stennis Space Center use the information gathered by astronauts and satellites to better enhance our lives here on this fragile planet we call home — the Earth.

Diamondhead leadership working to improve community development

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Newly elected re-elected leadership of the Diamondhead community, an unincorporated community of 6,000, are looking to the future and completion of a number of projects currently underway.

Elected for a second term of office were Al Cronvich, president; Nancy Yarbrough, vice president; Pat Outlaw, secretary; and Richard Hopkins, treasurer.

Also elected to four-year terms as directors were Mario Feole, Frank Jerome, and Benny Mistrretta.

Diamondhead Property Owners pay dues to the Property Owners Association which, in turn, acts as a managing board for the development. The board is responsible for the management of the community's streets, marina, yacht club, food services, airport, golf course and tennis courts.

"We have gained a lot of ground over the last couple of years," said the

77-year semi-retired attorney Cronvich. "Ask anyone around and they will tell you the grounds, maintenance of our facilities and the courses have never been in better shape."

Cronvich credits personnel decisions with playing a major part in the community improvements. "The Board is committed to serving the people of the Diamondhead community and making the improvements that are necessary."

Construction of a new 23,000 square foot club house is scheduled for completion in mid September, according to General Manager Jim LeDuc. The clubhouse will feature a ballroom large enough to accommodate 300 people.

Other areas of primary focus are a major drainage project throughout the development. Over \$200,000 is currently being spent on correcting the drainage into canals and in cleaning the canals. Alos, LeDuc said that the community is steadily working on repaving streets.



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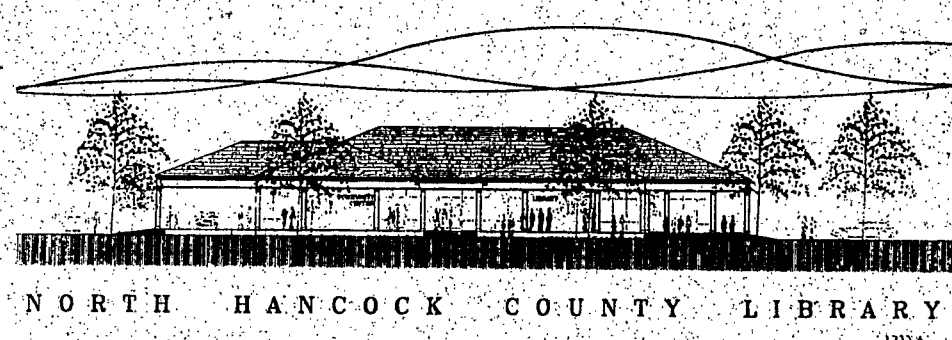
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Library in next phase of development

With completion of the new headquarters building and the renovation and specialization of services at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, the Hancock County Library System Board of Trustees is now undertaking the next phase in the library system's long-range plan.

Adopted in the early 1990's, the plan included automating library functions, which was completed in 1990; expansion and renovation of the headquarters building, completed in 1995; and renovation and better utilization of the Waveland Library Literacy Center, completed in 1995. The next step is the expansion of services north of I-10, i.e., a new full service library in the Kiln area that will serve the growing needs of the residents north of I-10.

Library use is at an all-time high. Statistics indicate that 65 percent or 28,474, of the county's population carry library cards. Since 1990, library use has increased 38.9 percent from 88,000 visits to 194,685 visits in 1997.

Children's program attendance increased 60 percent to 3,500, and preliminary numbers for the 1998 Summer Reading Program indicate that registration has doubled. The headquarters library has become the seventh busiest library out of the 254 libraries across the state.

Figures at the present Kiln Library show that circulation has doubled in the past five years, from 6,000 visits in 1991 to more than 13,400 in 1997.

In early 1998, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors appropriated \$1.2 million to construct, equip and furnish a

new library in Kiln. Plans are to begin construction in late fall, 1998, with a projected completion date of early spring 1999.

The 10,000-square-foot building at Kiln would provide adult and young adult reading rooms, a full-service book and media collection, a special children's area, a small conference room, a quiet study area, an electronic reference center and a multipurpose community meeting room with a separate entrance and covered drop-off plaza.

Public access catalog self-service features were recently announced by the library system for library users to be able to review their own library account information, review their own holds and items out and to renew their own books.

The Library Foundation and the Library System annually sponsor a Holiday Tree Gala, featuring Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, organizations and schools throughout the new headquarters building.

Other features to be found at the library include the mosaic mural Renaissance — The Revival of a Community; Louie St. Louis, an alligator bench carved by artist Alexander Brown from a Mississippi cypress log; the Library Oak, a 170-year old live oak listed on the Hancock County Historical Society's live oak registry; and the Foundation Tree, a bronze-leaved tree located in the Hwy. 90 lobby designating members in the foundation.

For more information concerning the Hancock County Library System contact, Prima Plaque or Mary Perkins at 467-5282.

Wastewater district slowly, steadily making progress

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County's Wastewater District I is making slow, but steady progress to extend sewerage connections to more residents, with two projects set to kick off this summer.

And, the Hancock County Regional Solid Waste Authority will soon look into three areas in the giant buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center where developers have proposed to build a future combination sanitary landfill/rubbish site.

Pam Gauthreaux, who administers the county's wastewater treatment program, said the District hopes to let a contract this month that will extend sewerage to approximately 360 property owners in the Clermont Harbor area. The general area to be sewered will include Clermont Avenue from the beach to the railroad tracks, with the addition of portions of two streets directly across the tracks.

Gauthreaux said the project is expected to cost \$2.1 million, and will be financed with a state revolving loan.

A second project will be let out in August on the first-phase of an ambitious program that will extend water and sewerage to approximately 550 residents of the Shoreline Park area, and double the District's current customer base.

This project is also estimated at \$2.1 million and is being financed with an outright grant of \$1.5 million from the U.S. Agriculture Department, through its Rural Development Administration and a low-interest \$558,600 loan.

The newly formed Pearlington Water and Sewer District has also recently selected an engineering firm that would design a system to provide water and sewer to approximately 800 property owners. The engineers will also look

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Casinos change forever the look of the county

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis is forever changed because of Casino Magic, a sprawling 500-plus acre complex of things the little town never had before.

Its components: a floating building on a barge that came to town in 1992, luring hundreds of thousands of people who've won and lost playing games and taking chances on slots. There's an incredible recreational vehicle park where monster homes on wheels park under moss-laden oaks, next to soothing waterways. There's an 18-hole Arnold Palmer golf course called "The Bridges," for the meandering wooden pathways that grace the landscape, over lakes the through the woods.

There's a 201-room inn for out-of-towners, a new entertainment complex where big-names draw big crowds, child care facilities, charter boat rentals, and a marina. Busloads and busloads of excited visitors wind their way down Blue Meadow Road to Casino Magic Drive. The stream of cars frequently form an ocean in the parking lot.

It's all been a \$15 million boon to the city of Bay St. Louis' and local schools' coffers since Casino Magic opened its doors in late 1992. But its impact on the community goes far beyond what the casino's paid in local taxes.

New businesses have opened, school enrollment has increased, home construction has taken off, buildings have been renovated, and public facilities have been upgraded.

As it stands, Casino Magic is the only gaming facility in Hancock County. It also is the headquarters of a corporation that owns a total of five casinos, including bustling businesses in Biloxi, Bossier City, La., and two facilities in Argentina.

While its total operations have had ups and downs, right now the corporation is up. Its revenues jumped 9.7 percent in the first three months ending March 31, 1998, compared to the first quarter of 1997. That translates into a \$6.4 million hike for the company. For the year ending Dec. 31, 1997, the company reported consolidated revenues of \$261.7 million, an increase of \$81.2 million, or 45 percent.

Most of the revenue increase is attributed to the Bossier City operation's growth, and officials hope to bolster that even more with a 188-room convention hotel there, now under construction.

Casino Magic just opened another hotel in Biloxi above an eight-story parking garage, with 378 rooms, a health spa beauty salon, swimming pool and conference space. There are yet-unfulfilled plans to build a massive hotel on the Bay St. Louis property as well.

In the meantime, the company has entered an agreement to merge with Hollywood Park, Inc., a move hoped to infuse more capital into the operation. The merger is subject to the approval of the company's shareholders by Oct. 31 and the approval of gaming officials in Mississippi, Nevada and Louisiana.

Casino Magic became the sole gaming site in Hancock County when Jubilee Casino ceased its operations on Bayou Caddy here last year. That facility's lack of success is widely attributed to its relatively isolated location and lack of associated amenities.

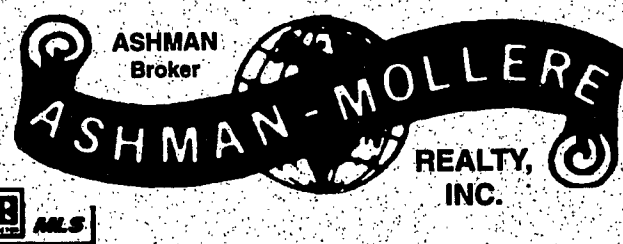
Still, rumors persist that the former Jubilee site is eyed by others as a potentially viable site. In the meantime two private citizens are proposing new marina facilities in the vicinity, and Hancock County already has a marina under construction off Pleasure Street. At a site not far away on South Beach Boulevard, state officials have agreed to designate other property for casino usage.

Whether those sites materialize as casino locales or not, there are other casino possibilities on the table impacting Hancock County.

The Army Corps of Engineers has approved plans for a \$200 million casino-resort complex off the Bay of St. Louis, adjoining a 400-acre tract of land at Diamondhead. The proposed Casino World development by Europa Cruise Lines, has passed through all state and federal permitting loops, but obstacles still remain before construction can commence.

One is a court challenge by groups of citizens and environmental organizations. Another is a lack of a firm financing package for the construction.

An investment banking firm recently forecast revenues of \$175 million to \$250 million annually, if the resort complex materializes. It would include two gambling barges, a 450-room hotel and retail shops, a sports and entertainment complex, recreational vehicle park and a nine-hole golf course.



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Supervisors embark on building boom

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County supervisors are about to embark on a building boom with some major projects already let and others soon to get off the drawing boards.

The latest flurry came in late May when supervisors broke ground for the long-delayed new county marina to be built off Pleasure Street in Bayou Caddy. The project first came in well over the available Tidelands monies, and the second time around, Malouf Construction Co., of Madison agreed to scale down the design, and the first phase of the project is expected to come in at around \$1.1 million.

Construction crews are now on site off Lakeshore Road, and the first phase calls for construction of one boat launch, 1,200 feet of elevated piers and docking that can accommodate 30 to 40 boats. The piers will also be lighted and furnished with water and electricity connections. In the second phase of construction, a harbor master's office will be built, which will also include hand-trapped accessible public restrooms.

In early June, supervisors also cut the ribbon on a new county barn to serve the south part of Hancock County. The 6,250-square-foot sheetmetal building replaces a tin shed which road crews used to call the "chicken cage," and includes an office, restrooms for the crew and more than enough space to store road equipment and other machinery. Supervisors used money from the Seawall Fund to build the \$149,500 facility.

In late May, ground was also broken for a new Kiln library on a 12.2-acre site off Hwy. 603, just north of the old library. The 10,000-square-foot new library will almost double the size of the present facility. Bankrolled with a \$132,000 federal grant and a match from the Board of Supervisors, the remaining funds for construction will come from a low-interest loan from the Mississippi Development Bank not to exceed \$1.3 million.

Supervisors plan to open bids July 10 on another long-delayed project, a juvenile detention center. Plans call for a two-story addition to the rear of the historic downtown county courthouse and a facility that will hold up to 30 juvenile

niles in a double-bunk situation. The county has about \$1.2 million on hand for construction.

The July bid will also call for expansion of the county jail to house at least 20 more U.S. Immigration inmates. Sheriff Ronnie Peterson has on hand about \$236,000 for the addition, and says revenues from housing the federal inmates will help pay the cost of operating the juvenile facility.

Just last week, supervisors put out to bid improvements to the Washington Street pier. Plans call for dredging for a boat launch, creation of one rip rap jetty and the realignment of another.

Supervisors Steve Moran and Lisa Coward also plan to make a temporary loan from existing Seawall funds to repair the Washington Steet and Dunbar public fishing piers that were damaged in last February's strong winds and high tides. Estimates are Dunbar will cost \$136,000 to rebuild and Washington Street, around \$60,000.

Supervisor Jeep Ladner also has asked for specs to be drawn for a new ballfield planned on a site near Gulf View Elementary off Lakeshore Road.

Also getting ready for the final design stage is the county's covered Livestock Arena planned on an already-cleared 80-acre tract off the Kiln-DeLisle Road.

And, last week supervisors met with Bay St. Louis and Waveland city officials and agreed to jointly fund a larger animal shelter to replace the inadequate facilities in Waveland. They are looking for a site in the buffer exzone surrounding Stennis off Texas Flat Road near McLeod Park, and will ask NASA officials if one could be built there.

Texas Flat Road has also been repaved from Hwy. 603 to the entrance of McLeod Park, and new sites have been added at McLeod, along with new restrooms and shower facilities.

Probably, the biggest impact will come in late August when supervisors plan to put out to bid road paving and improvement projects planned throughout Hancock County. Supervisors have floated a \$5 million bond issue and the undertaking will be one of the most comprehensive ever to get underway in the county.



Hancock Equine Facility

The grubbing, pond construction and road base work has begun on the Hancock County Equine Facility's 80-acre site on the Kiln-DeLisle Road about 2.3 miles east of Highway 603. The work is being performed by the Naval Construction Battalion, Gulfport, under the direction of EO1 Joseph Jaworowski. The Navy's heavy equipment stands in front of a mound of top soil removed from the grounds. Johnnie Richard, Livestock Arena president, said the pond's soil will be used throughout the development. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

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Tourism Bureau increases visibility

BY R. R. HAWKINS

Five miles high and barely visible from the ground, April travelers on Southwest Airlines flipped through the pages on the in-flight magazine, Spirit, and got a close-up look at Bay St. Louis.

Through the words and photographs of Lawrence Wells, they met Miss Alice, toured the historic depot, shopped Old Town, dined at our finest, played a few slots at the Magic, and took in a sunset along our beach before sleeping peacefully at the Palm House.

The Spirit magazine was one of a number of articles to highlight Bay St. Louis and Hancock County this year. Efforts of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau to introduce the county to new areas paid off with features in Mississippi Travel Guide, Trip-the South Travel trade publication, Mississippi Gulf Coast Fun Time Guide, Black Meetings and Tourism, 55 and Fine and American Visions.



"But, I believe the best sales tool we have is the people and places of Hancock County."

"We've seen results of the media exposure in increases in our hotel/motel occupancy report, in the numbers reported at the Hancock County Welcome Center, Stennis Space Center, McLeod and Buccaneer state parks," said Beth Carriere, the Bureau's executive director. "But, I believe the best sales tool we have is the people and places of Hancock County."

The Bureau, organized in 1996, stepped up its visibility and development efforts this year with the introduction of a new logo. The logo, a parchment background featuring the familiar signature of John Hancock, for whom the county is named, encourages visitors to explore the many facets of Hancock County. The logo now appears on advertisements, specialty products and signs.

According to Carriere, the two largest events last year, the summer promotion "The Hunt" and the classic car show celebrated coastwide, "Cruising the Coast" will again by the primary events focus for the Bureau this year.

"Last year, we registered over 11,000 people for 'The Hunt' which was named 'Festival/Event of the Year' by the Governor's Conference on Tourism, and in the end gave away, with the support of Casino Magic, a new Jeep Wrangler," Carriere said. "This year we have chosen the theme, 'Go Fish'. Visitors will register and have their fishing license punched at different locations throughout the county to qualify for a drawing, again underwritten by the casino, that will feature a complete bass rig complete with boat, motor, fish finder, trolling motor and trailer."

"Cruisin' the Coast, to be held in October, will feature nearly 1,000 classic cars touring and on display from Biloxi to Bay St. Louis."

"Over 50,000 visitors and participants were involved in our part of 'Cruisin' the Coast,'" Carriere said, "We can only expect it to be bigger and better this year."

Additionally, the Bureau assists in the Spring Pilgrimage traditionally held the end of March.



The Bureau receives funding from the county board of supervisors, the City of Bay St. Louis and Casino Magic and a two percent lodging tax. Grants, according to Carriere play a large role in the Bureau's ability to advertise in national and regional publications, such as Reader's Digest and Southern Living. Recently, the Bureau announced the approval of seven grants totaling \$47,611 which fund half the cost of various projects.

Members of the Hancock County Tourism Development Board are Bill Lady, president; Patt Cucullu, vice president; Mickey Jordan, treasurer; Phil Costantino, Clarice Gustin, Petie Hyman, Ray Kidd, Dick Stamm, and Jeanne Tribble.

For more information concerning activities of the Hancock County Tourism Development Board contact, Beth Carriere at 228-463-9222 or toll free at 1-800-466-9048 or check out their website at www.hancockcountymys.org.

300 years old and still worth exploration

BY R. R. HAWKINS

Bay St. Louis will celebrate its tercentennial in August 1999. Three hundred years ago, Jean Baptiste La-moyne, Sieur de Bienville stepped ashore to claim the highest point along the Gulf Coast for France.

The Hancock County Historical Society will celebrate the 300th anniversary of Bienville's landing and the founding of the city, August 25-29, 1999.

"The event is still taking shape and being planned," said Charles H. Gray, president of the Hancock County Historical Society. "We will have a street front festival during the celebrations and a possible re-enactment with ships anchored off the beach."

Highlighting the four-day event will be the unveiling of bronze statue honoring the explorer and his legacy. The statue is to be the centerpiece of the Rebecca Seal Memorial Park located on Beach Boulevard and will be officially presented to the public on the Feast Day of St. Louis, August 25, 1999.

To defray the cost of the celebration, the Society will sell commemorative or memorial granite plaques for \$500 and bricks for \$50 each. The bricks will be inscribed and be integrated into overall design of the statue and park.

For more information concerning the activities scheduled in conjunc-



Bienville

The statue of Bienville sculpted by Gulfport artist, Mary Davidson, will highlight the tercentennial celebrations.

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Private schools augment educational opportunities

BY BETSY GAGNET

In addition to two school districts, residents of Hancock County can choose from several area private or parochial schools, each offering students a unique educational experience.

St. Stanislaus College Prep, located on the beach in Bay St. Louis and run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, was established in 1854. It is the largest Catholic boarding school in the country, with grades six through 12.

Present enrollment for the 1998-99 school year is close to 570 students, including approximately 340 day (area) students, according to Tod Richee, director of public relations.

"The motto of the school is the school of character," said Richee explaining the goal of St. Stanislaus is to graduate "men of character with good Christian values."

Next year a new president, Brother Ronald Talbot, SC and a new principal, Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, join the faculty of 50.

The coming year will also bring changes to the honors program, making it more extensive to reach the junior-high level, said Richee. And, in keeping up with technology, St. Stanislaus has recently established its own server domain at www.ststan.com.

Right next door to St. Stanislaus is Our Lady Academy (OLA), providing a Catholic education to girls in grades seven through 12.

"Our Lady Academy provides a Catholic secondary education with an academically strong college preparatory curriculum rooted in Christian values," said Principal Sr. Donella Hartman.

There are 241 students registered for the 1998-99 school, under the direction of 21 faculty members. The size of the school is one of its advantages, according to Sr. Donella.

"As a small school, Our Lady Academy embraces a family-like atmosphere, a low student-teacher ration and a heterogeneous student body," she said. "These characteristics enhance the school's ability to emphasize the uniqueness and dignity of each student."

A capital campaign is underway to fund construction of a gymnasium and classrooms to add needed classroom space and further enhance the school.

Serving students from Louisiana to Gulfport, Sr. Donella said OLA graduates take with them leadership skills and confidence to be successful in college or in the work force.

"They also leave Our Lady Academy with a closeness among their classmates and a constant connection to the school," she added.

Several elementary schools, located from Waveland to Pass Christian serve children of Hancock County beginning from as early as three years old.

At St. Clare School, on the beach in Waveland, Principal Harriet Bellone will welcome over 180 students in pre-K through sixth grade for the 1998-99 school year.

Begun in 1965, St. Clare draws students from throughout the county, but is proud of the family atmosphere between students, parents and school staff.

"The concern of the teachers and the parents is for the students," said Bellone. "Everyone is willing to go above and beyond for the good of the kids. That's our focus."

A new state of the art computer lab was recently installed and plans are in the works for an outdoor science laboratory on property at the rear of the school to facilitate studying ecological systems.

In addition to weekly Mass and each class participates in a Sunday Mass at St. Clare Church, the parish church.

With a focus on more than just academics, Bellone said, the school's goal is to graduate "well-rounded students who are able to face the future."

In Bay St. Louis, Coast Episcopal Pre-School and Elementary are situated on property running from the beach to Second Street. Coast Episcopal welcomes a new headmaster this year, Rick Keyser, who also presides over the high school located in Pass Christian.

The pre-school program, run for many years by Yvonne Williams, has a philosophy of treating each child on an individualized basis, recognizing that children develop at different rates.

"We provide an atmosphere where children can benefit from their own individual time line," said Williams. "We say these words, but they're very real when applied to the individual child — each and every child."

Next year Williams will welcome 36 students to the pre-school program, with a goal of building confidence in each student through "play."

"For them (the children) it's just the beginning," said Williams. "If you can get their confidence in place, they're willing to take the next step."

That sentiment is echoed by Coast Episcopal Elementary Principal Merry Montjoy who said pre-school is "where they begin to love to learn."

With 120 students registered in kindergarten through fifth grade, the elementary school works to help students develop their individual talents, said Montjoy.

In addition to the traditional subjects, the school offers Spanish, art, drama and religious education.

"We want to assure that (students) maintain their confidence, have acquired the necessary skills to be successful and have identified their strengths," said Montjoy. "We want to assure they are on the pathway to developing spiritually, emotionally and academically to their potential."

Bay Catholic Elementary sits just behind OLA and, like OLA, is part of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish. There are 380 students for pre-K through sixth grade presently registered for the 1998-99 school year.

Construction of six additional classrooms, a computer lab and a science lab is underway and expected to be completed for the opening of school. The new classrooms will house a second fifth and sixth grade class, which will begin departmentalized teaching.

Principal Myrna Jordan said a good education is only part of the goal at Bay Catholic.

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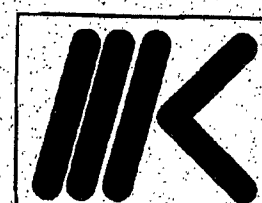
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"We give a very good education, but many schools can give a good education," said Jordan. "In addition to the academic side of religion, we try to incorporate the religious aspect into every day working life. We try to make it a living thing."

In Pass Christian, St. Paul School has registered approximately 135 students for the 1998-99 school year, according to Principal Myrna Bourgeois. Part of St. Paul Parish, the school offers a Catholic education for students in Pre-K to sixth grade.

"We have a lot of new people from out of town registering and making inquiries," said Bourgeois.

A technology program is underway and computers are being installed in each classroom.

Bourgeois said one advantage of the school's size is that parents, teachers and students can develop more personal relationships.

"In a small school, you can work closely with a child one to one and give them more individualized help," she said. "The children get to know each other and teachers get to know them and I get to know them."

Education at St. Paul goes beyond academics, said Bourgeois.

"Children should receive education in a fuller sense," she said. "We are trying to educate the child as a whole religiously, morally and academically."

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into and recommend funding sources for the project, estimated to cost around \$3.5 million.

And, just last month, a citizen who owns an 1,800-acre tract of land north of Interstate 10 put \$1 million on the table in hopes that the Kiln Water and Fire Protection District can attract another \$2 million loan to sewer that area.

The Kiln District is looking into whether it can add sewerage to its responsibilities, but Hancock County's Wastewater District I said if that's not possible, it will undertake the task when it designs plans to sewer areas north and south of Bayou LaCroix and on the west side of Hwy. 603.

The Diamondhead community is also making major plans to upgrade its water and sewer systems, Commissioner Norman Schuback recently revealed. He said, over the last two years, the District has invested more than \$2 million, primarily on sewer system improvements. Last year, the district completed a project that redirected the drainage flow from east Diamondhead.

Last week, the District began advertising for bids to construct a new sludge processing facility. Schuback said the central portion of the community and the west side need drainage improvements, and repairs or replacement is needed at several lift stations.

Revenues from growth will pay for the work, without any rate increases, Schuback said.

Hancock County supervisors this week were expected to tour three sites in the buffer zone that developers claim will support a long-term landfill and rubbish site. Local resident Curtis Johnson has offered two sites, and Hattiesburg developers have offered one

70-acre site accessible from state Hwy. 607 via Texas Flat Road and Flat Top Road.

Johnson said he has options on land in excess of 2,000-acres. He has suggested a track north of Interstate 10, south of the NASA complex, off Hwy. 607, near the western boundary of Hancock County. A second site offered by Johnson is located on the Kiln-DeLisle Road near the intersection of Cuevas-town Road.

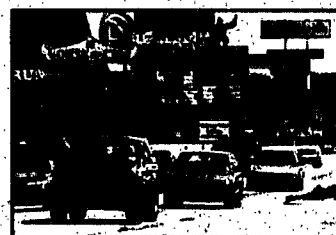
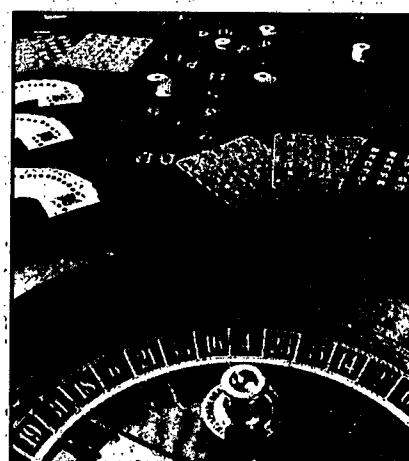
All of the developers propose to permit, construct, and operate a future landfill/rubbish site, and have promised Hancock County long-term, stable prices for dumping its household garbage.

If supervisors decide on the site, the Solid Waste Authority would have to vote to amend its 20-year plan, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing to get citizens input.

On the cover

Hancock Medical Center's new \$9 million woman's and children's pavilion is nearing completion and scheduled for introduction to the public later this summer. The expansion will provide a number of opportunities for patients including additional private rooms, labor/delivery/recovery suites, a new nursery and new father's waiting room. The project is contracted by Tilly Constructors and Engineers of Gulfport.

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Naval Command promotes 'forward vision' in county

Forward vision means the Navy is prepared for today's missions and is preparing for future roles. It is about the Navy in action today. The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, with headquarters in Hancock County, promotes the Navy's Forward Vision around the world and here at home. The command provides meteorological, oceanographic and geospatial information and services to fleet forces operating throughout the world.

The command spearheads nearly 60 activities worldwide and is geared to meet the challenges associated with charging forward in this ever-changing world. The Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and the Naval Oceanographic Office and the Naval Research Laboratory at the Stennis Space Center comprises the largest concentration of oceanographers in the world. Armed with this important mission, naval meteorology and oceanography activities are taking the lead in planning and investing in people and new programs, attracting the best people and empowering them with the best training opportunities and equipment.

The United Nations has declared 1998 as the International Year of the Oceans. Therefore, Naval meteorologists and oceanographers are keenly interested in promoting public awareness and understanding of the value of the sea, its resources and marine activities. The command is a leader in the celebration of the International Year of the Ocean and a major contributor to the U.S. pavilion at the World Expo '98 Lisbon, Portugal.

Here is what the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command is doing to articulate the Navy's vision in Hancock County:

- October 1997. Rear Adm. Kenneth Barbor took the helm at the command from Rear Adm. Paul G. Gaffney II.
- November 1997. COAST, Consortium for Oceanographic Activities for Students and Teachers, signed. COAST partners the Navy with the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University and St. Norbert's College in DePere, Wisc. to introduce more than five million students nationwide to current knowledge and scientific research on oceanographic and coastal processes. The program will provide teachers with a range of at-sea experiences, hands-on training in marine science and emerging technologies and the development of teaching materials. Support for the program is from the Office of Naval Research through the National Ocean Partnership Program. Navy partners, which also include the Oceanographer

of the Navy in Washington, D.C., the Naval Oceanographic Office, and the Naval Research Laboratory, SSC share in-kind knowledge, facilities and expertise.

- April 1998. Navy receives Hancock County's Top Economic Development Award. RADM Barbor accepted the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission's top economic development award on behalf of the Navy at SSC during the commission's annual Salute to Business and Industry.
- April 15. The Navy dedicated its newly upgraded supercomputing center at the Naval Oceanographic Office. The center, one of the ten largest in the world, administers and operates one of the four Department of Defense Major Shared Resource Centers. The complex processes data of the oceans and atmosphere in support of various projects across the Armed Services. During the ceremony, the Navy read a proclamation from Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice announcing the establishment of the Trent Lott Supercomputing and Visualization Institute. Establishment of the institute is another step toward creating a world class center of science, high technology and oceanographic expertise collaborating with Navy oceanographic organizations at SSC.

- June-July 1998. The 1998 Secretary of the Navy Engineering & Science Residential Program gets underway. The 1998 program is being hosted by the Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and the Center of Higher Learning/University of Southern Mississippi, SSC. The Naval Oceanographic Office, Naval Research Laboratory and USM will also participate. From June 22 to July 31, the program will expose 10 outstanding high school students from Mississippi and Louisiana, possessing a high aptitude for math and science to the inner workings of a Navy scientific environment and expand the pool of qualified engineers and scientists for naval research.

- July 1998. The Navy will celebrate the 10th anniversary of having an active duty Navy admiral on the Mississippi Coast. In honor of the event, the Navy's newest oceanographic survey ship, USNS Henson will be open for public visitation at the Mississippi State Port in Gulfport July 3 and 4. Nearly 3,800 people visited Henson's sister ship, USNS Bowditch, when the ship came to Gulfport last September.

Whether supporting a naval operation overseas or training future scientists and engineers here at home, the Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command in Hancock County is well prepared.

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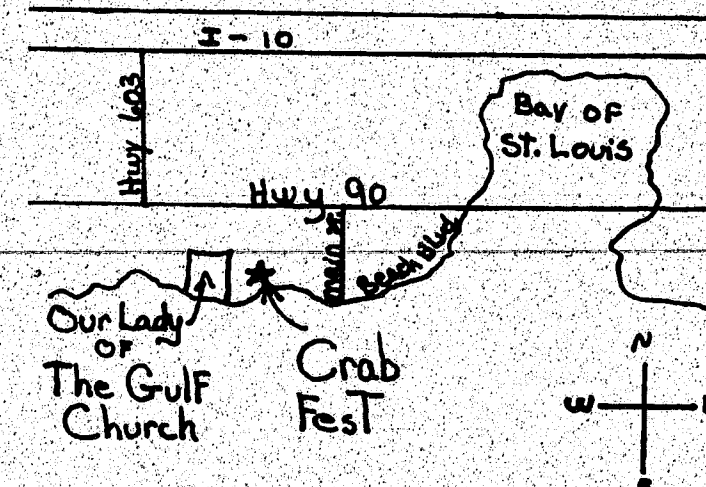
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